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CANTON BANKS.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT TERMS.

CONTROL OF LABOUR.

Confirmation was obtained in Hongkong yesterday of an agreement having been reached between the native Banks at Canton and their employees on terms amounting to a compromise regarding the various points in dispute. The strike is thus ended, and the Banks concerned resumed business this morning.

There were five terms agreed upon, these concerning the question of bonus, double pay at the end of the year, and a commission for employees for the business they bring to the Banks in the form of loan; the question of employment and dismissal of employees who are members of the Union; and other matters respecting conditions of employment and wages.

PRACTICABLE TERMS.

In commenting on these terms, an official of one of the Chinese Banks, whose head office is in Hongkong, yesterday stated that an agreement was possible because the terms as finally discussed were practicable. The Banks could agree to the conditions regarding the bonus and double pay, because these privileges were already in force before the strike. The commission for the loans negotiated by employees was a reasonable demand which would be conceded; and as for the question of yearly leave, that also had already entered into the arrangements in Hongkong, at any rate.

Some difficulty was encountered in the negotiations regarding the matter of employment and discharge, but a compromise was reached to the effect that preference regard would be given to men recommended by the Union; also that notice would be sent to the Union in the event of any of its members being discharged, accompanied by a report of the reasons for such dismissal, the matter to be finally taken before a Court of law if the Union were not satisfied with the explanation given.

EXECUTIVE POSTS.

On their part the Banks involved in the case secured the exemption of executive officers, such as the manager, sub-manager, cashier and accountant, from membership of the Union. That being the case, the appointment of these officials remained the sole right of the employers.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Banks have gone very much out of their way to adapt themselves to the new labour conditions in Canton. For the rest, they put themselves in the good graces of a Government which, from being merely a mediator in the case, at a later stage in the negotiations strengthened its position by becoming an arbitrator. However, the terms are not considered unfair and our informant hoped they could be made workable and lead to complete harmony in the relations between employers and employees.

TO CONTROL LABOUR.

The Provincial Government has issued a statement saying that there must be strict enforcement of the resolutions passed at the conference held by the Political Council of the C.E.C. of Kuomintang on the 6th inst. stating that: (1) arbitrary arrests by the workers' unions should be prohibited, (2) parading of workers on streets with weapons should be strictly forbidden, (3) workers should be strictly forbidden to blockade factories or shops which, in turn, should not be allowed to be closed by the employers without cause, and (4) seizure of any article from any factory or shop by workers should be prohibited.

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RAID NEAR REPULSE BAY.

HAUL FROM A FISHING BOAT.

WOMAN KIDNAPPED.

Shortly after two o'clock this morning, an armed raid was carried out between Deep Water Bay and Repulse Bay, where robbers boarded a fishing vessel and kidnapped one of the crew besides taking away money and clothing to the value of \$120. The affair was of the particularly daring character. The robbers came into the Bay in a boat and went alongside one of the fishing fleet at anchor not far off. Rousing the crew, they drove them into a cabin situated aft, and then proceeded to make a thorough overhaul of the effects of the crew. Every article of value was included in the haul, and when the raiders eventually escaped, they took away a female member of the crew for the purposes of holding her for ransom.

Aberdeen Police Station later received a report of the raid, in which it was stated that there were four men concerned, two of whom appeared to have been armed with revolvers.

MASTER'S DEATH.

CAPT. VAN CORTLANDT DIES IN SINGAPORE.

It is with much regret that we have to chronicle the death of Captain N. W. van Cortlandt, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., which occurred suddenly in Singapore yesterday aboard the P. and O. liner Macedonia, whilst en route for Home leave.

The sad news was received by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning with the greatest surprise and regret. Capt. van Cortlandt had been slightly indisposed for some little time with abdominal trouble, for which he was to undergo an operation on reaching Home, but when he left here last Saturday he was apparently quite all right, and there was every hope that the slight trouble from which he had been suffering would completely disappear after treatment at Home. However, news of his sudden death came to hand today.

Captain van Cortlandt, who was one of the Company's very best masters, had been in the service of the Indo-China Company since 1910, being employed on the China Coast and Bangkok runs. Latterly he commanded the s.s. Kwai-sang. He was only 36 years of age, and by his death the Company has lost a most valued servant. He leaves a widow, who is at Home, and with her the utmost sympathy will be felt.

RETURNING TO POLITICS.

SIR HERBERT SAMUELS' DECISION.

Rugby, Dec. 16. Sir Herbert Samuel has decided to return to political life, according to the newspapers. After holding under Liberal Administration various Government offices, including those of Postmaster-General and Home Secretary, he became, in 1920 the first High Commissioner of the Mandated Territory of Palestine. Since he retired from this office last year, he has been much in the public eye as Chairman of the Coal Commission. It is understood that he will take the earliest opportunity of contesting a parliamentary seat in the Liberal interest.—*British Wireless.*

SUNNING IRACY.

HOW GUARDS WERE OVERPOWERED.

THIS MORNING'S EVIDENCE.

The overpowering of the ship's four Indian guards as the first move in the pirates' plan to secure control of the ship the setting afire of the quarters amidships because of resistance later offered by the officers from the bridge, and, finally, the escape of the first boatload of pirates, were incidents, which, related from the point of view of the Indian guards, revived fresh interest at this morning's resumed hearing in the Sunning piracy trial.

THE PATROLS.

When evidence was called from the guards, the method of guarding the ship in accordance with the Piracy Prevention Regulations was made clear. Two men were always on duty, one patrolling the main deck, while the second man kept vigil by the starboard grill situated aft of the saloon deck. The port side grill was always kept closed.

Therefore, when Sammond Singh, the No. 1 Guard on board the Sunning, with three years' guard experience to his credit, went to look for his reliefs at noon on the fateful day, he withdrew Moola Singh, his companion, from duty on the main deck and posted him for the time being at the grill gate.

Nothing unusual happened, and when the other two reliefs arrived to take their places, they took up their allotted duties, one again patrolling the main deck, with the other relief keeping duty at the gate.

SEIZED BY PIRATES.

It was towards four o'clock in the afternoon that while in their room, located aft of the vessel, Sammond Singh was rudely awakened from slumber by a commotion and by footsteps making for the cabin. The door was thrown open, and before he realised what was happening, Sammond Singh found himself seized by the shoulders and pressed back on his bunk. Four armed men were in the room, and his companion in the lower bunk was likewise overpowered.

Half-an-hour later, they were joined by the other two guards and the whole four were kept confined in their cabin until the hour of midnight. At this hour, there occurred a second commotion, and the guards were then taken out on to the poop deck.

FIRE BREAKS OUT.

From this part of the vessel the guards were afforded a good view of what then developed. Chinese were running here and there, gathering up armfuls of matting, and other inflammable material, which they took to the saloon deck together with a tin filled with what the guards presumed to be kerosene oil. A few minutes later, flames shot up from the quarters amidships, and all was confusion.

Then armed men concentrated on the poopdeck where the Indians were. They uncovered a boat and took the guards to lower it from the starboard side into the water. Following the departure of the first batch of pirates in this craft, the guards were again driven back and confined in their room.

The foregoing comprised the evidence given by the first two guards, Sammond Singh and Moola Singh, who were called before the Court adjourned for till.

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POLITICAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

LONG-SIMMERING HATES PRECIPITATED.

REICHSMANN SCANDALS.

Berlin, Dec. 16. The political crisis which has long been simmering has been precipitated by the action of the Social Democrats submitting to the Reichstag a motion of non-confidence owing to dissatisfaction with the policy of the Defence Minister, Herr Gessler, whom they accuse of acting weakly towards the supposed reactionary elements of the Reichswehr.

The Socialists have also resolved in favour of entering a big coalition from which a Cabinet will be formed if the Government resign. The latter has decided to accept the challenge and abide by the decision of the Reichstag on the motion.

FIERY SPEECHES.

Later. Voting on the Social Democrats' motion of non-confidence has been postponed until to-morrow after a lively debate.

The Chancellor Dr. Marx, deprecated a Government crisis in

HANGCHOW STILL HELD.

Evacuation of Southern Troops.

Shanghai, Dec. 17. It appears that a mere handful of Southerners, in plain clothes, entered Hangchow on Tuesday and cut the railway early on Wednesday morning, but they evacuated the city on Wednesday night, following the restoration of communications with Shanghai when Marshal Sun Chuan-fang sent 4,500 loyal troops to Hangchow to reinforce the 9,000 loyal troops there.

Marshal Sun has altogether 25,000 loyal troops in the Shanghai-Hangchow region. The report that Chekiang has declared its independence is unfounded. It arose from the doubtful attitude of 6,000 troops in Hangchow.—*Reuter.*

view of the important international questions unsettled at Geneva, but the ex-Chancellor, Dr. Scheidmann, on behalf of the Socialists and amid howls of rage and cries of "Traitor from the Right, denounced the alleged abuses of the Reichswehr Officers. He alleged that they acted illegally in the instance of obtaining money and munitions from Russia and in recruiting exclusively from Nationalist organisations, and that Dr. Stresemann's foreign policy was being thwarted. Germany wished honestly to observe the peace treaties.

The Nationalists at this point indignantly withdrew.

Dr. Scheidmann demanded guarantees that secret arming would cease and also that there would be "no more Soviet ammunition for German guns."

Dr. Marx, in reply, said the question of revising the recruiting regulations was being considered, but he declared that Dr. Scheidmann's allegations referred to the past and he did not admit their accuracy.—*Reuter.*

REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

MILITARY OUTBREAK IN THE SOUTH.

Lisbon, Dec. 16. It is reported that a military revolt has broken out in the south of Portugal. The Government has sent troops to deal with the rebels.—*Reuter.*

FIGHT FOR POWER.

COAL CO. FUNDS CUT OFF.

LATEST MANILA INCIDENT.

Mr. Ben F. Wright, insular auditor in Manila, has cut off all funds of the National Coal Company. This is the latest move in the battle between the Governor General and the Board of Control for power over the government-owned concerns. Apparently it was taken by Mr. Wright on his own initiative.

An appeal from the auditor's decision is to be made. If it fails, a petition of involuntary insolvency against the coal company is very possible.

CAN'T PAY ANYTHING.

The coal company is unable to pay the smallest bills, such as the wages of the sailors on the company's ship, the Pompey. These sailors, who get about Pesos 30 a month, are in need of the money which is withheld under the ruling of Mr. Wright.

All funds of the coal company are deposited in the Philippine National Bank. Mr. Wright, by virtue of a law which some declare unconstitutional is auditor of both the bank and the coal company.

Recently, Mr. Wright ordered all bills and cheques of the company to be forwarded to him. He has refused to honour them, presumably on the ground the board of directors of the coal company is illegally appointed.

The board was elected at a recent meeting at which the votes of Senate President Manuel Quezon and Speaker Manuel Roxas were accepted for government owned stock instead of those of Governor General Wood, who claims the exclusive right to vote the shares purchased by the Philippine islands in those companies.

It was at first believed that Mr. Wright merely had ordered salaries of directors to be withheld and that his order had been misinterpreted. Telegrams from Mr. Wright, who is in Baguio, confirmed the stand of Luciano Dixon, deputy insular auditor.

NO MONEY FOR CREW.

The Pompey reached port and there was no money with which to pay the crew for the last half of November. An appeal for the release of sufficient cash to do this was turned down.

Directors of the coal company met later in the offices of the company. It was decided to bring the matter to a head. Mr. Claude Russell, manager of the National Coal Company, was instructed to appeal once more for funds to pay off the crew of the Pompey. His appeal is to be directed to the insular auditor in person.

Should this fail, he is instructed to seek some members of the Governor General's staff, probably C. W. Franks. Mr. Russell will ask Mr. Franks to appeal to attorneys for the Governor General in the coal company case for an opinion on the advisability of holding up operations of the coal company in this fashion.

The attorneys, it is believed, will advise release of the coal company's funds to enable it to carry on business until the supreme court decides whether the Governor General or the Board of Control, consisting of the Governor General, the senate president and the speaker, have the right to vote the government stock.

CREDITORS ANXIOUS.

The situation is made doubly serious for the coal firm by the possibility of creditors presenting a petition for involuntary insolvency. Under Philippine law any three creditors who are owed more than Pesos 1,000 altogether, may ask the court to declare the firm bankrupt when the debts are 30 days overdue.

This, some point out, would be Quezon-Roxas interests. It would give them a powerful weapon (Continued On Page 12.)

SLAVE & CONCUBINE PROBLEM.

CANTON TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATION.

IMPROVED STATUS SOUGHT.

Improved status and assured means of living for the women who are now slaves and concubines will be the objective of a new women's organisation formed in Canton.

The leader of the movement is Miss Su Man-sang, a woman jurist. The new organisation is called the Slave-Girl and Concubine Emancipation and Relief Association. It will work in co-operation with other organised women bodies.

The first step taken by the new Association will be the gathering of statistics about women slaves and concubines. An effort will be made to get accurate figures and information about living condition, status in the families, etc.

Families keeping slave-girls and men who have concubines will be the first source of information. These will be asked to report the number of these women and the reason for keeping them, it is stated.

Journals, jurists and philanthropists in Canton will be asked to join in the campaign at a meeting which is being planned by the organisation. All possible assistance of funds and publicity will be solicited.

This is the first effort in Canton to secure accurate statistics on slaves and concubines, it is understood.

THE DOHENY TRIAL.

OIL CONSPIRACY CHARGE FAILS.

New York, Dec. 16. Messrs. Fall and Doheny have been acquitted of the oil conspiracy charge.

They are, however, still indicted for bribery in connection with a transaction involving \$100,000 which Doheny admitted sending to Fall, though, describing it as a loan to "an old friend." Fall is also charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government along with Mr. Harry Sinclair, of Teapot Dome fame.—*Reuter's America Service.*

Washington, Dec. 9.—E. L. Doheny, oil magnate, to-day made a plea of innocence before the jury which is to decide whether he is guilty of criminal conspiracy to defraud the government in the matter of oil leases. The seventy year old multi-millionaire said he did not have a feeling of culpability and that when he loaned \$100,000 to Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior, he had no thought, except to help an old and dear personal friend out of financial difficulty.

Mr. Doheny testified that during the period of from 25 to 40 years the Elk Hills naval oil reserves on which he obtained a lease should produce \$100,000,000 profit. The eventual realization of the profit would depend on how much of the 30,000 acres was petroleum bearing.—*Associated Press.*

DIVORCE REPORTS.

BILL GETS ROYAL ASSENT.

London, Dec. 16. Among the measures which have received the Royal Assent is the Bill which regulates press reports of divorce and other matrimonial cases.

The new Act came into force immediately, so that henceforth in above-mentioned cases publication will only be permitted of the names and addresses of the parties and witness, a statement of the grounds of the petition and the defence, the Judges summing up, the jury's finding and the judgment.—*British Wireless.*

THE PHILIPPINES.

MONROE DOCTRINE FOR EAST?

PRES. COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE.

The Monroe Doctrine of the Far East a majority of Manila business men call the message of President Calvin Coolidge to Congress. A minority are dissatisfied with it, basing their attitude on lack of faith rather than on the message itself. To most, however, the promise of permanent defence means a promise of permanent retention, while granting the Philippines complete autonomy as soon as they are ready for it, says the *Manila Bulletin*.

Mr. John W. Hausserman, recently returned from a trip through the United States, where he lectured at length on the Philippines, best expresses the majority opinion.

U.S.S. INTENDS TO STAY.

"The Coolidge message means that the United States intends to stay here," says Mr. Hausserman. "No other interpretation of the paragraph on defence is conceivable."

The paragraph to which he referred, and which has given rise to most comment, says: "No one contemplates any time in the future, either under the present or a more independent form of government, when we should not assume some responsibility for their defence."

Mr. Hausserman points out the all-embracing quality of "any time in the future," and the failure to refer to independence, as a possibility. He foresees an increasing autonomy, and eventually a completely Filipinized government here, implied in the word of President Coolidge.

The similarity between the statement of President Coolidge and the doctrine promulgated by President Monroe, to most students of the message, lies in the fact that both took form merely as presidential messages to Congress, which, however, were intended as warning to all nations who might conceivably interfere where the United States wanted no interference.

PICK ON TWO PHRASES.

Those dissatisfied with President Coolidge's message pick on two phrases which they interpret as a reiteration of the promise of eventual freedom.

These are the opening words, "This government holds a sacred trusteeship for the islands which it has acquired in the East and West Indies," and the paragraphs dealing with economic development which says, "The islands ought not to be turned back to the people until they are both politically fitted for self-government, and economically independent."

Practically all business men are agreed in praising the support of the two Kieess bills, which would put the internal revenue collections on Philippine products in the hands of the governor general instead of the Philippine government, and the clarifying of the powers of the insular auditor.

Unanimous support, too, is found for the proposal to transfer the islands from the war department to a civil branch of some sort.

"A colonial secretary would be ideal," states Mr. Hausserman, "but the American people are shy of the word 'colonial,' and have found nothing to substitute for it. Even the state department, or some other, would be better than the war department."

FILIPINOS UNCONCERNED.

Filipino political leaders showed little concern over the message of President Coolidge to Congress, confident that that body will take no action on the recommendations relative to the Philippines. The consensus is that Congress not only will not have time (Continued On Page 12.)

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The General Managers have now to lay before the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the 12 months ended 30th September, 1926.

The Gross Profit for the above period is \$409,324.01
Plus amount brought forward from last year \$152,479.07
\$561,803.08

After allowing for:
Interest \$22,307.49
Depreciation, etc. \$182,799.75
Donations, Loss on Sales, etc., as per Profit and Loss Account \$12,514.44
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To pay a Dividend of 8 per cent, or 16 per cent per share, on 190,860 New Shares \$31,895.00
To carry forward to next year's account \$356,181.40

Consulting Committee.—The General Managers deeply regret to record the death during the year of the Honourable Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., who had been a member of the Consulting Committee since the commencement of the Company. To fill the vacancy, Sir Robert Ho Tung has been invited to join the Committee, and his appointment requires confirmation.

Mr. A. H. White resigned his seat during the year in favour of Mr. H. P. White upon the latter's return to the Colony. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. H. P. White, A. H. Compton, C. A. da Rosa and Lee Hysan retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lindsay and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who are recommended for re-election.

PANAMA AND U.S.A.

TEXT OF AN ASTONISHING TREATY.

New York, Dec. 16.
A stir has been caused in Panama by the publication in the Havana Press of the text of a treaty recently negotiated by the United States and Panama whereby the latter engages to enter into war whenever the United States fight.

The treaty gives the United States the right to control Panama communications, necessary protection for military transit, control of wireless stations in war time and cedes Manzanillo Island to the United States. It forbids the opening of further private enterprises by Americans in the canal zone. Panama and Colon are to be free ports of entry, the United States having the right to use them in emergency.

It is believed however that the Panama Assembly will refuse ratification of the Treaty. Reuter's American Service.

SET AT LIBERTY.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED IN SUNNING CASE.

One of the twenty defendants in the Sunning case was discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. He is the ship's carpenter and was charged along with the others by reason of the fact that over a thousand dollars were found in his possession when he was taken on board the Bluebell.

The Sunning's stowaways who were also taken in the boat had given evidence that the pirates handed over the money to the ship's carpenter when the Bluebell appeared.

At the close of the hearing yesterday afternoon Mr. Gordon Leask rose to make an application and Mr. Lindsell asked the Crown Solicitor if it was any use pursuing the matter against the nine-tenth defendants. Mr. Holmes replied he did not think it was and added that he did not think it right that the case should be continued further against him.

Mr. Lindsell then discharged the defendant and Mr. Leask expressed his appreciation of the Crown's attitude all through the case in respect of this man.

When The Bluebell Came.

Surgeon Lieut. Rankin of H.M.S. Bluebell gave evidence yesterday afternoon and said that after leaving the Sunning they proceeded to wards Bias Bay. About noon they sighted a ship's boat and nine of its ten occupants were taken on board. A tenth man got his foot on the ladder, and then returned to the boat. He was then seen to dive overboard.

Witness threw him a rope but the man made no attempt to take it, although it passed close to his head. Another rope was thrown and the man made some effort to reach it but owing to the heavy sea the man went underneath.

Witness said he could see the man's body just under the surface of the water. Some of the Bluebell's crew jumped into the Sunning's boat and went in search of the man, the Captain of the Bluebell calling out directions to them. There was no sign of the man who had dived overboard and he was never found.

Asked to describe the man witness said he was wearing a very broad brimmed hat with Chinese coat and trousers. He had some gold teeth. He thought he was injured in the wrist as when he dived overboard he left a blood mark in the water.

The Painted Numbers.

Witness also described the search of the men and detailed the precautions taken to keep the articles found on each man separate. The Bluebell's Master-at-Arms also gave evidence and said that when the men were brought on board a number was chalked on their backs and later this was painted over with white paint.

In the Sunning's boat were found a loaded revolver, ammunition, a skin rug and a motor tyre. Eight of the men were handcuffed in pairs, the other being treated for a shot wound in the neck. Later in the day the vindictive came on the scene and witness handed over the nine men to that vessel.

On The Sunning.

Sub. Lieut. Thruston of H.M.S. Bluebell also gave evidence yesterday. He said he was in charge of the armed guard which was placed on the Sunning. The ship was still on fire when he went aboard and in the rounding up of the pirates he had to rush through the quarters amidst ships which were still burning.

When he got on board the Captain seemed to be dazed. Witness described how the men were rounded up and how they were searched, the articles found on them being put in his haversack.

Witness said his principal search was for arms, but he re-

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AMERICA: Mrs. C. R. Lee, of 40 Foster street, Barre, Vt., writes: "My little one was troubled with obstinate constipation. I gave him Baby's Own Tablets; they relieved him at once and he has not been bothered since."

BURMA: Ma Khine, wife of Maung San Tun Aung, 164 Abo Quarter, Pazundaung, Rangoon, states: "My baby girl was not in good health and had worms. Since I gave her Baby's Own Tablets she has not been troubled with worms and has kept in good health."

CANADA: Mrs. J. Lunette, Immaculate Conception, Quebec, writes: "My baby was a great sufferer from indigestion but Baby's Own Tablets soon set her right and now I would not be without them."

DUTCH EAST INDIES: Mr. Oei Siong Seng, principal of the Tiong Wah School, at Pemalang, Java, reports: "Not long after our baby's birth he caught cold and suffered from diarrhoea. I tried Baby's Own Tablets for the child and am very glad I did so for by their use he was soon restored to health."

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moved boxes of matches which the men carried as he thought they might be another attempt to set the ship on fire.

Cross examined by Mr. Lo, witness said he would be very surprised if it was established that a watch was found on the sixth defendant when he was searched after being landed in Hongkong. The case was adjourned until to-day.



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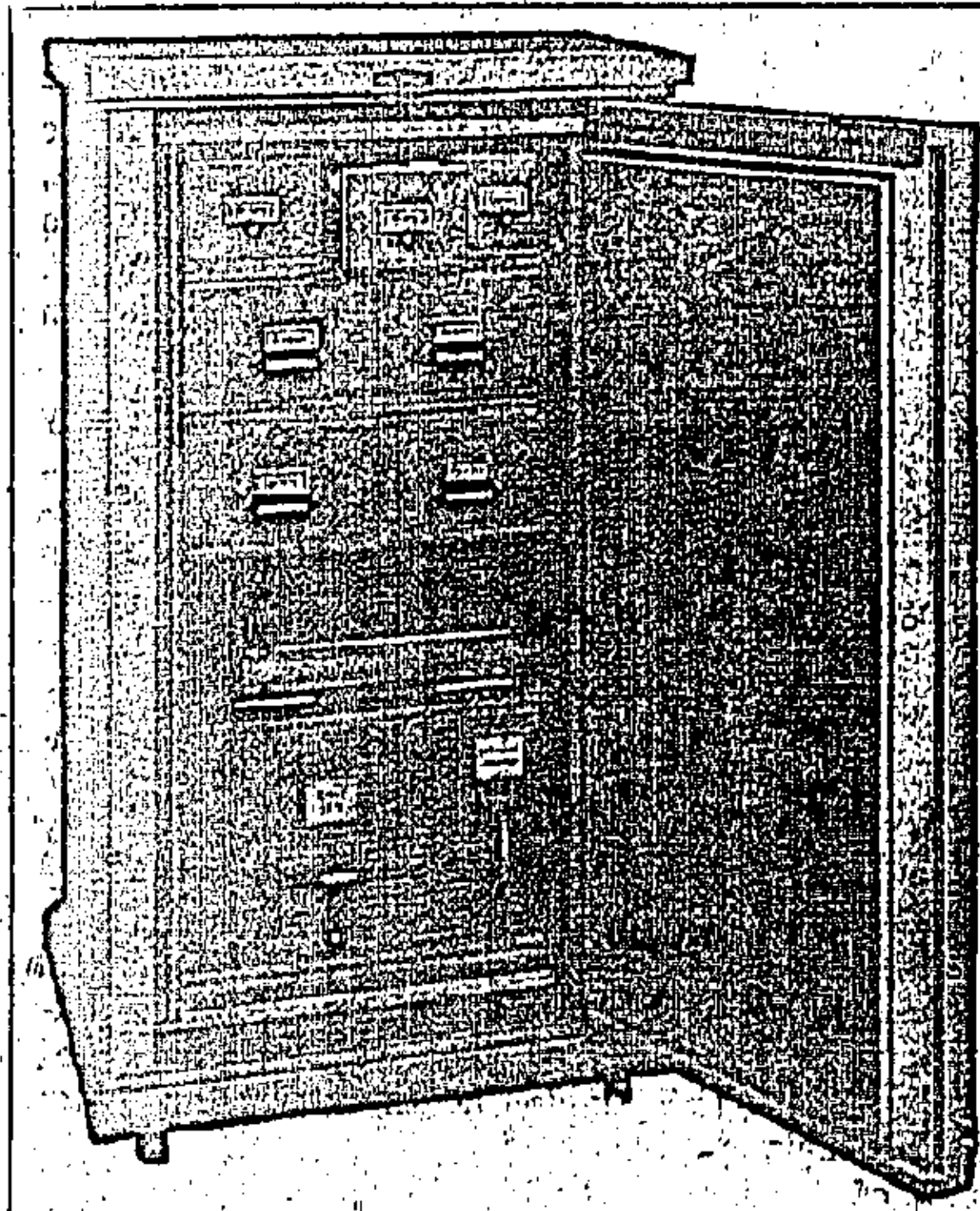
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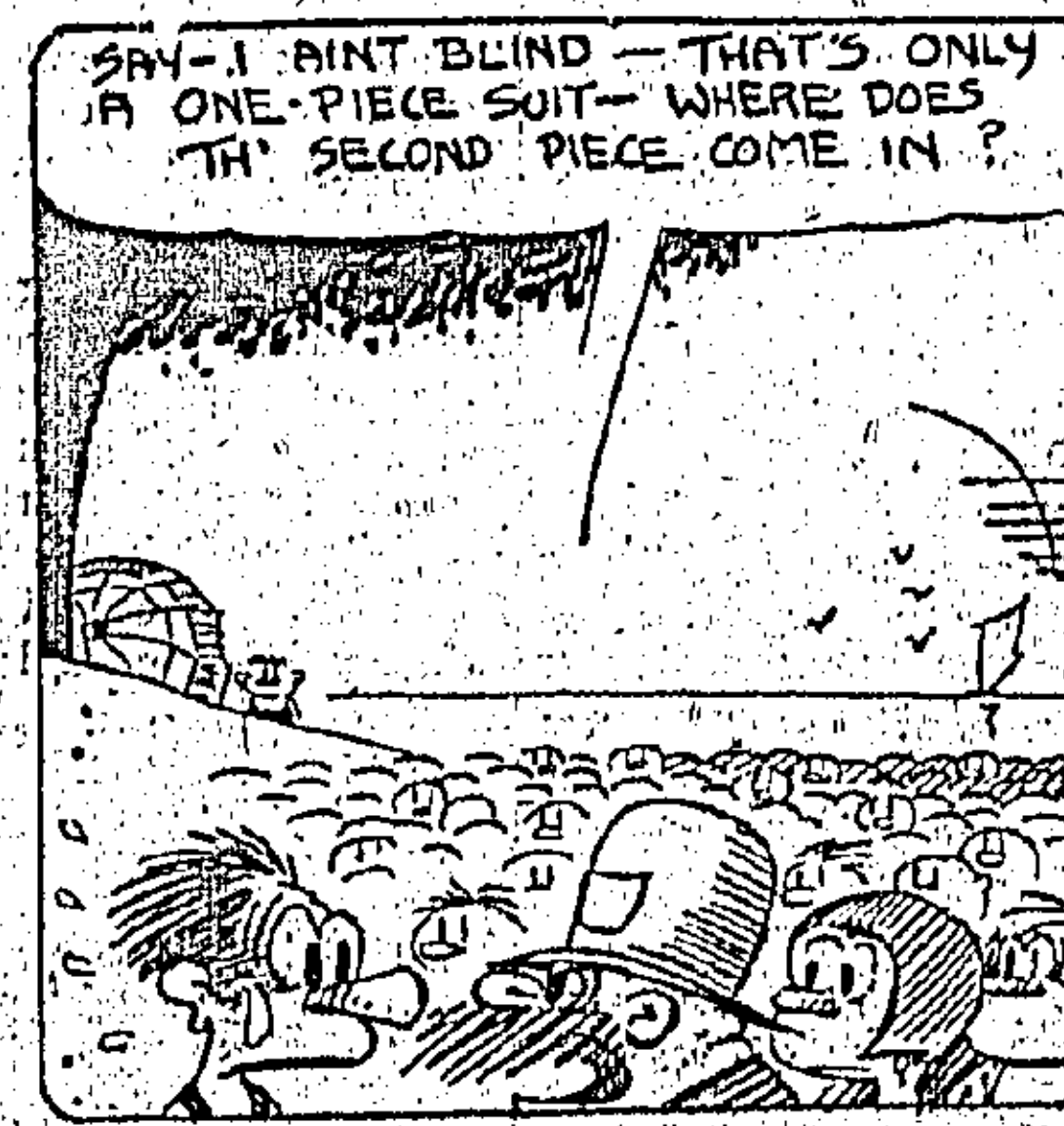
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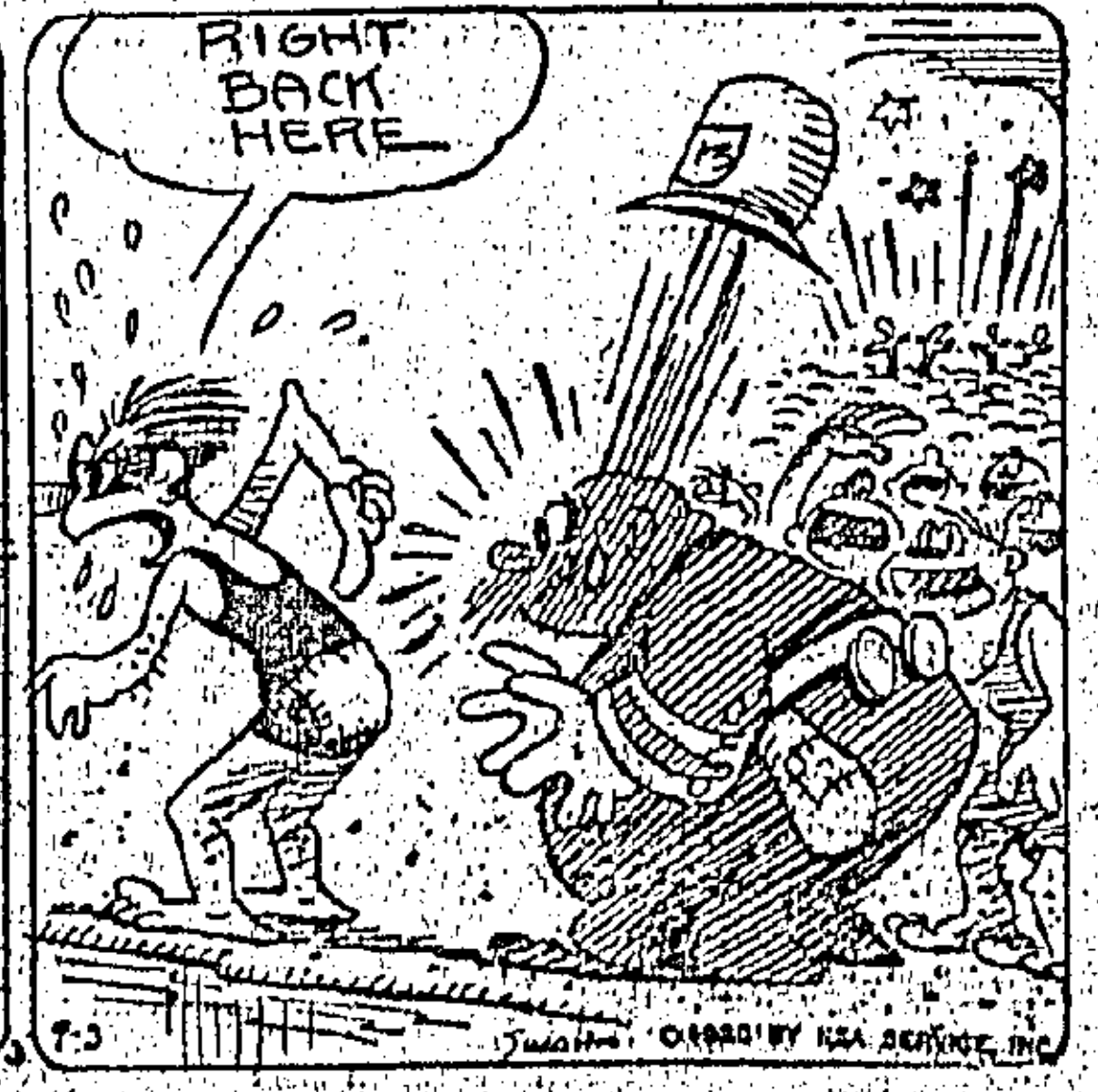
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DIVORCE PETITION.—As Mrs. Charlie Chaplin has failed to negotiate a matrimonial settlement out of Court, she is filing a suit of divorce against her husband. The couple with one of their children are seen above.



REPORTED ENGAGEMENT.—This is Miss Audrey Emery, New York society girl, and the Grand Duke Dmitri, cousin of the late Czar Nicholas, of Russia, who are reported to be engaged. Miss Emery is now in France with her parents.

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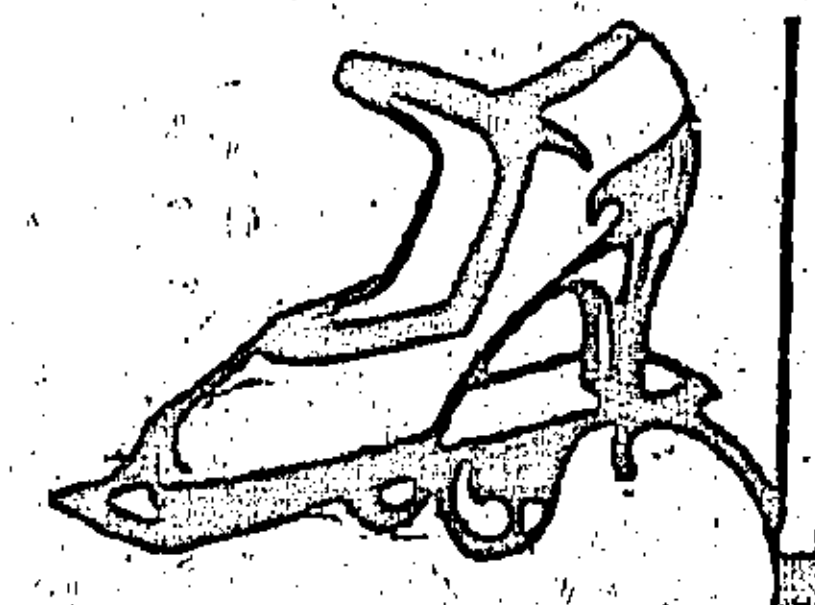
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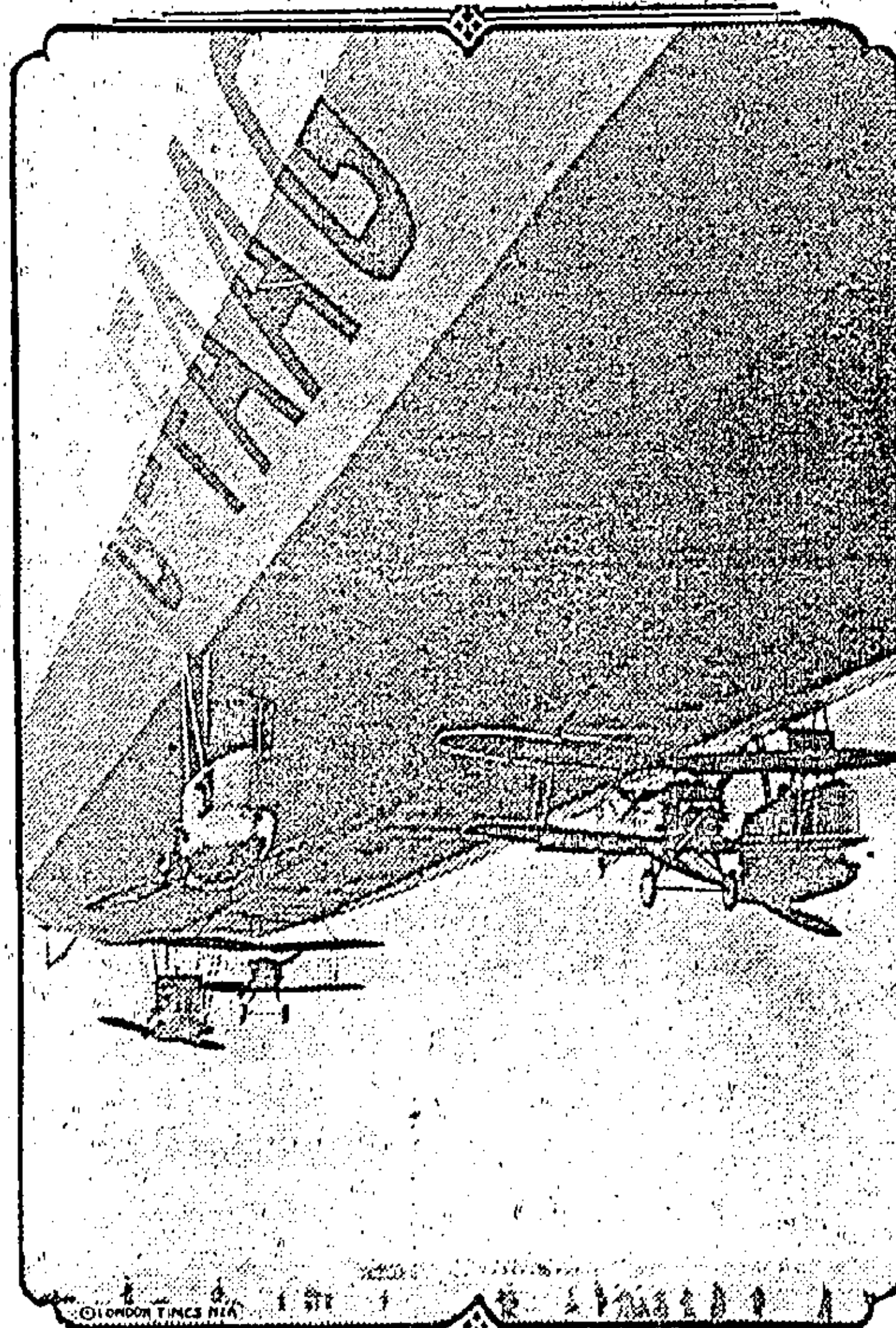
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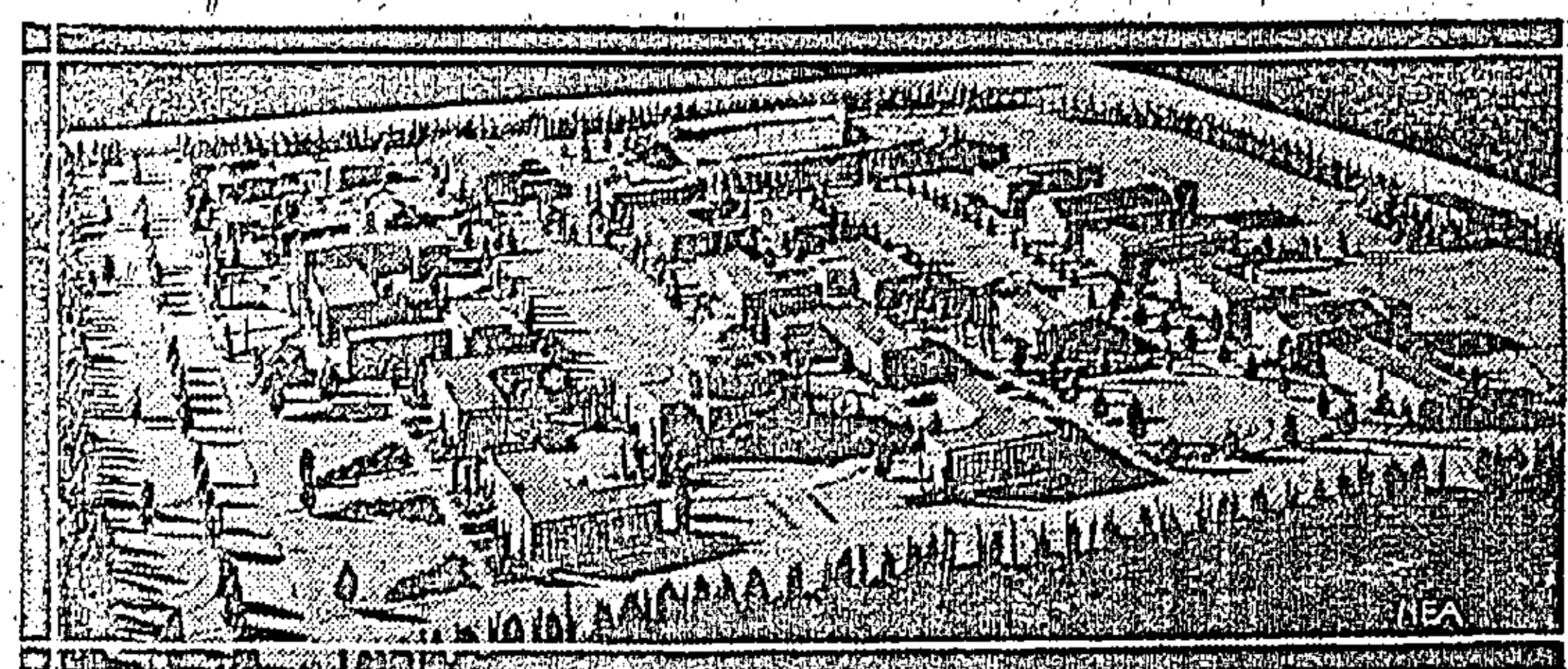
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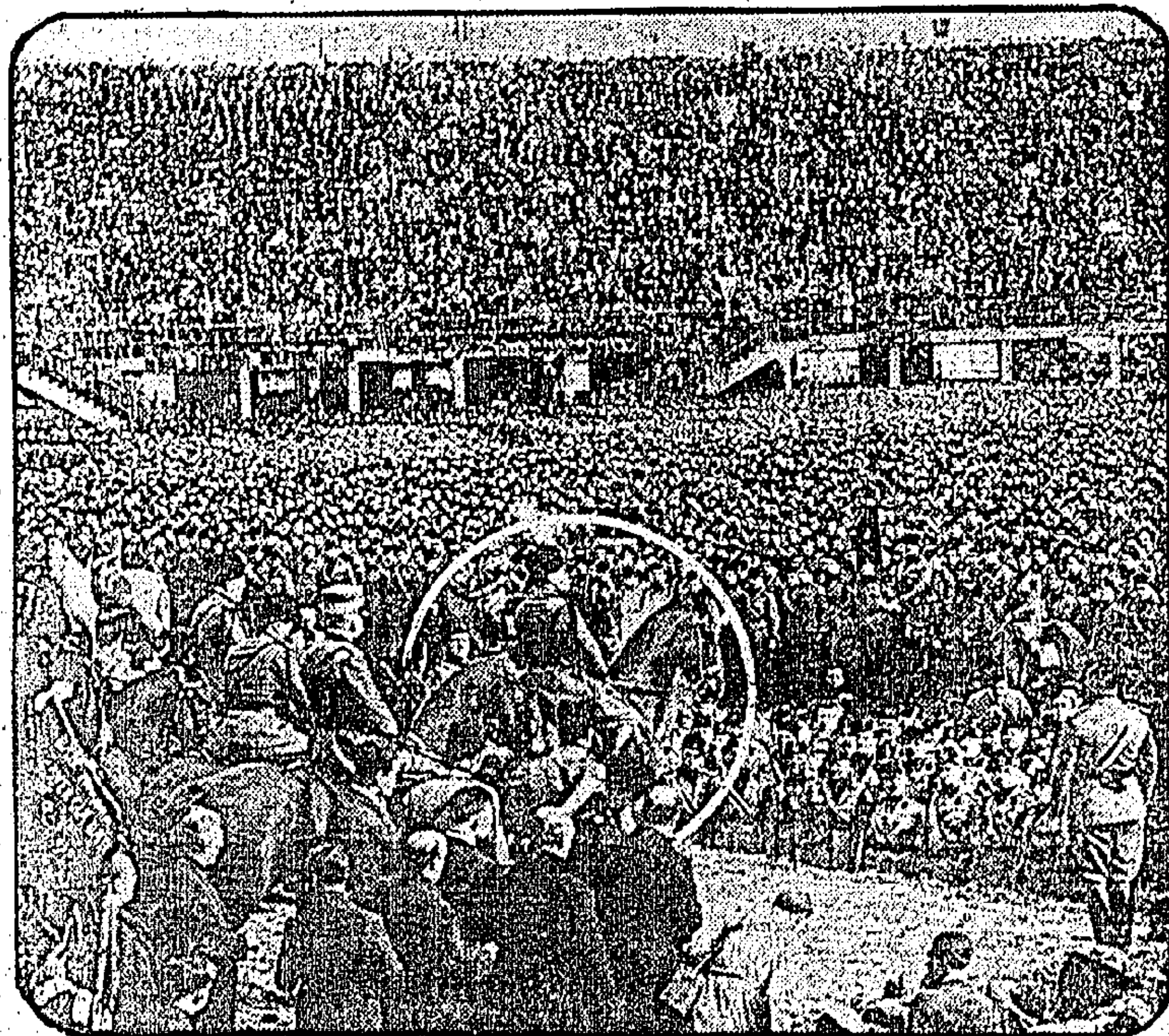
AIRSHIP R-33.—A glimpse of aerial warfare of the future may be gleaned from this photo of the British dirigible R-33 ascending at the Pulham Airdrome with two swift combat airplanes swung underneath its hull. At a high altitude, the machines were successfully launched. Nose-diving like plummets away from the mother ship, they levelled off gracefully and sped away.



TUNNEY AND DEMPSEY HONOURED.—Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey climbed through the ropes between bouts at Madison Square Garden in New York to share honours bestowed upon them by the Boxing Writers' Association. Each was given a championship belt. Left to right: Tunney, Joe Humphries, veteran announcer; Wilbur Wood, president of the association; and Dempsey.



UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.—A golf course provided the inspiration for this layout. This is a model of the University of Nebraska campus as it will look when completed.



MUSSOLINI ADDRESSES FASCIST GATHERING.—An hour before he narrowly escaped doom from a bullet fired at him by a 15-year-old boy, Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy addressed a multitudinous gathering of his Fascist followers at the Littoriale in Bologna.



MARRIAGE OF TETRAZZINI.—Florence, Italy, was the scene of the marriage of Mme. Tetrazzini, with whose operative achievements the whole world is familiar, and Pietro Vernato, of Rome, a heretofore obscure student of music. The groom admitted that he's 32 while his famous bride maintained she is only 50.

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"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Thursday, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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the 20th December, 1926,
commencing at 10.00 a.m.

at Godown No. 18, The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

A Large Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods.

comprising:—
Round Iron, Broken Glass, Glass Sweepings, Lubricating Oil, Sulphate of Ammonia, Wax, Fir Lumbar, Fungus, Beche de mer, Flour, Leather, Sweepings of Rose Wood, Matches, Angle Iron, Flat Iron, Enamelled Vessels, Cynamide, Clocks, Ornamental Plaster Work, Porcelain, Bolts and Nuts, Wire, Nails, Paint Samples, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Iron Pipe, Red Oxide Paint, Galvanized Iron Ware, Square Iron, Hoop Iron, Old Iron Sheet, Gas Pipe Fittings, Loose Piece Goods, Winch Handle, Steel Channels, Oil, China Ware, Thermos Bottles, Cement, Naphthalene, Sulphuric Acid, Planks, Kraft Cheese, Corn Starch, Tinplates, Fruit Salad, Beet, Nut Husks, Sardines, Bartlett Pears, Sardines, Sauer Kraut, Rolled Oats, Apricots, Glass, Goloshes, Baking Powder, Tomatoes, Canned Cherries, Syrup, Sausages, Milk, Asparagus Tips, Embroidery, Handkerchiefs, Stamp Ink, Cake Cinders, Advertising Matter, Medicine Tablets, Dynamo, Buttons, Storage Battery Parts, Safe, etc., etc.

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The Undersigned have received instructions from the Trustees of Messrs. A. Kwai & Co., (in Liquidation) to sell by Public Auction,
on SATURDAY,
the 18th December, 1926,
commencing at 10.00 a.m.

at Nos. 18 and 19, Connaught Road, Central, Ground Floors.
A Large Quantity of Twine, Buntings, Canvas and Rubber Pippings, Beltings, Paints, Packings, Wire Rope, Lanterns, Steam Gauges, Glass Search Lights, Brushes, Files, Drills, etc., etc.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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on TUESDAY,
the 21st December, 1926,
commencing at 10.30 a.m. with an interval from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m.
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A Large Quantity of Household Furniture & Curios.
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on WEDNESDAY,
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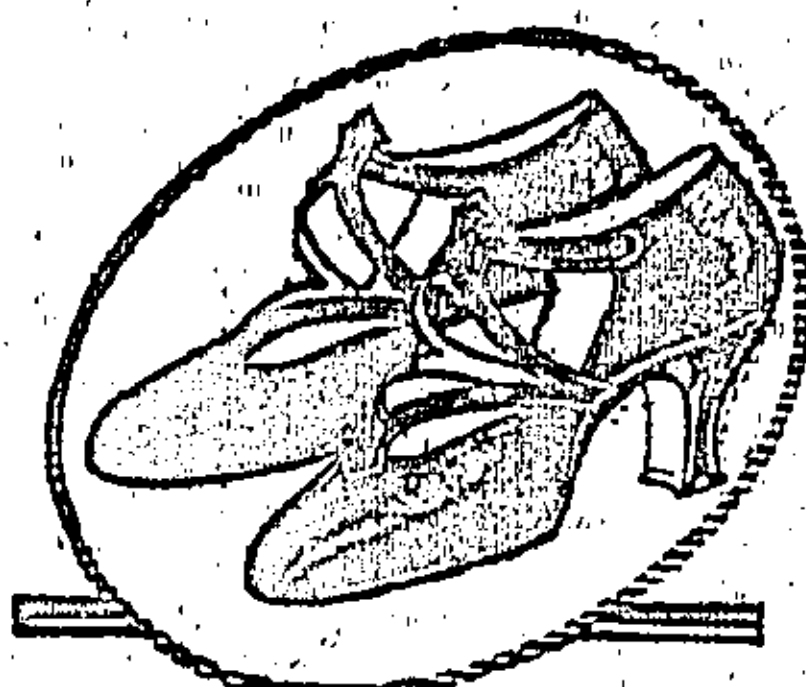
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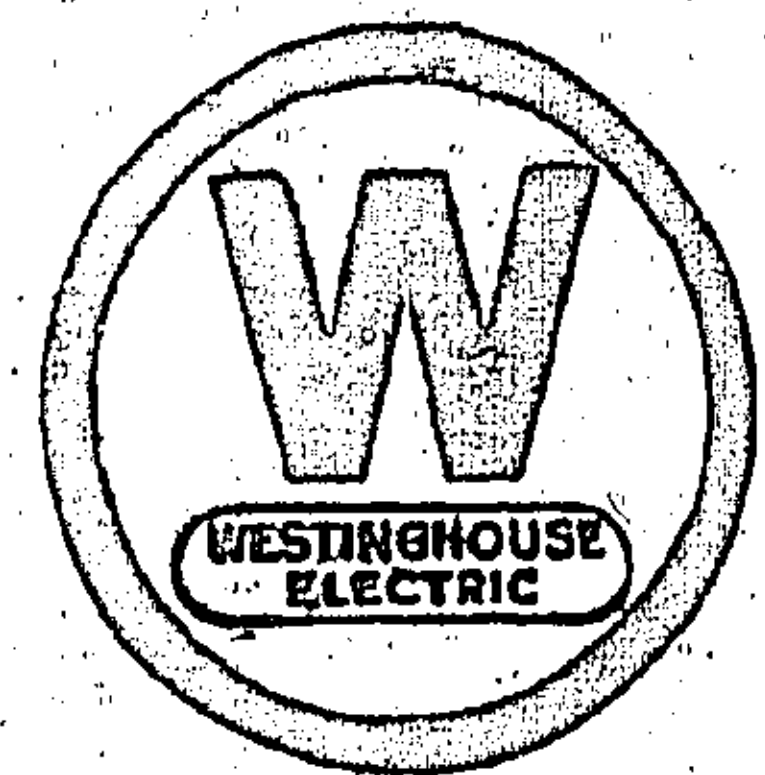
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ON THE YANGTSE.

TENSION EASED.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
A later message from Ichang
says the troops have left the
American ships, and the situation
is easier.—*Reuter.*

Socony Vessel Fired On.
Peking, Dec. 16.
The Standard Oil Co's vessel
Melfoo was heavily fired on
between Shasi and Ichang on Dec.
13, presumably by Kweichow
troops. There were no casualties.
—*Reuter.*

Situation Grows More Serious.
Shanghai, Dec. 16.
A Hankow message of December
15 says the China Inland Mission
had received an urgent telegram
from Ichang stating that the situa-
tion is serious and advising mis-
sionaries not to proceed up-river
for the present.

The Socony steamer Melfoo ar-
rived at Ichang yesterday from
down-river and reported large
bodies of troops about 25 miles
below Ichang. These are thought
to be Yuan Tso-ming's Kweichow
troops, who have thrown in their lot
with the Southerners. Mean-
while it is reported from other
Ichang sources that Yang Sen's
troops are evacuating, and com-
mandeering junks, launches, and
all native-owned craft with the
object of crossing the river and
proceeding overland to Szechuen.
Late in the evening a number of
troops boarded the Ameri-
can-owned steamer Hing and
endeavoured to force the
captain to proceed up-
stream. The American gunboat
Elcano cleared for action, and
delivered an ultimatum to the
soldiers immediately to leave the
Hing, and what would have proved
a serious situation was finally
averted by the appearance of one
of Yang Sen's staff officers who
cleared the troops off the boat.

So far as foreigners are con-
cerned, the situation is not
fraught with any serious danger,
but fears are expressed as to the
possibility of some looting in the
native sections before the evacua-
tion is finally completed.
It is expected the Kweichowites
will occupy Ichang to-night or to-
morrow, thus bringing another im-
portant city of Central China un-
der Southern jurisdiction.—*Reuter.*

"FINE ACHIEVEMENT."

BRITAIN PAYS ANOTHER
DEBT INSTALLMENT.

New York, Dec. 16.
Britain has remitted the eighth
half-yearly debt instalment of
\$18,500,000 interest plus \$5,000,000
principal.
Britain has now paid \$128,000,000
a "fine achievement" com-
ments the Press.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

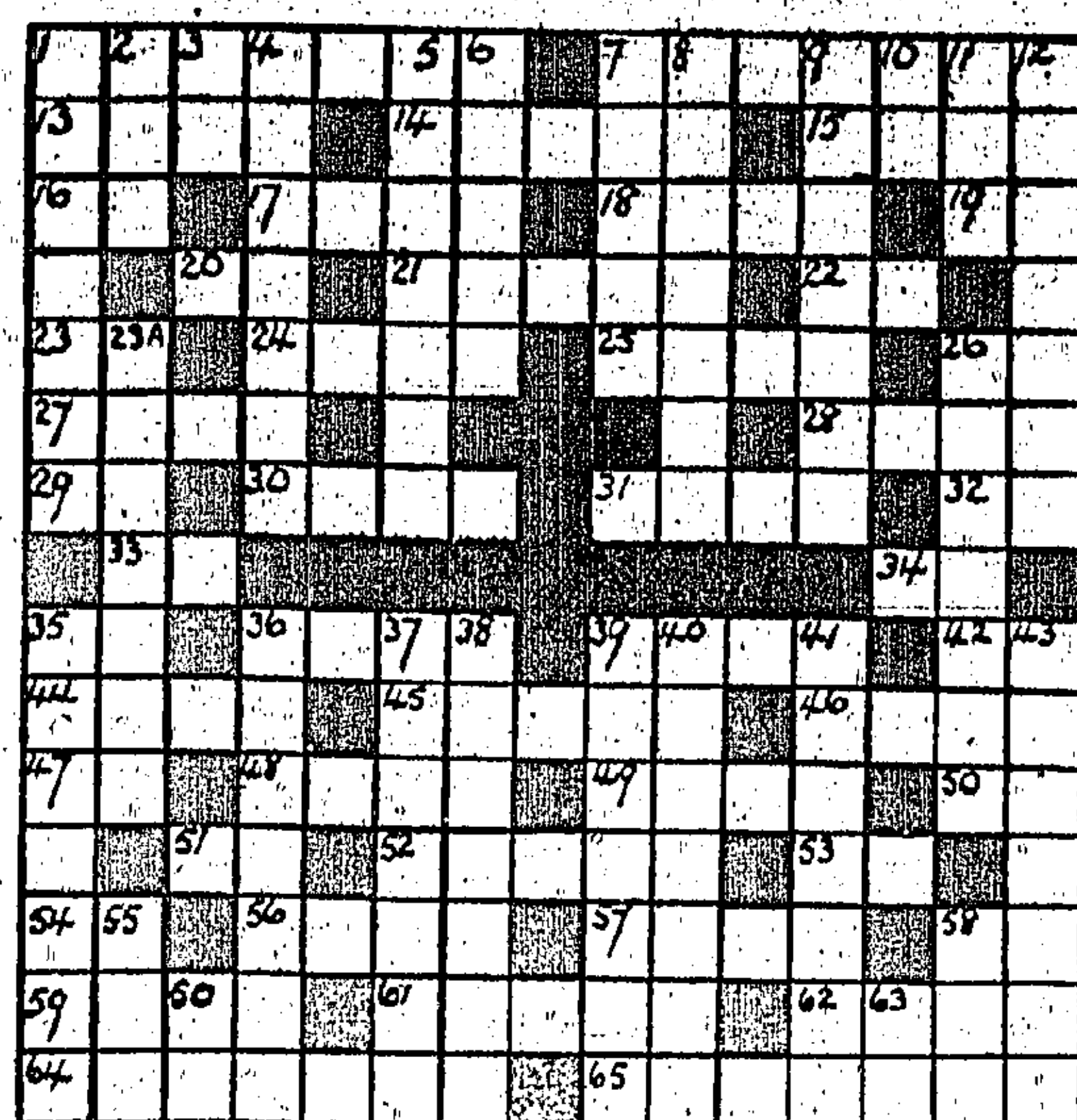
Rugby, Dec. 16.
The payment of \$92,950,000
gold, representing half-yearly in-
terest on the war debt and reduc-
tion of principal, was made yester-
day by the British Government to the
United States Treasury.
The total amount now paid
under the terms of the funding
agreement is \$642,330,000 gold.
—*British Wireless.*

U. S. IMMIGRATION.

AMENDMENT PASSED.

Washington, Dec. 16.
The Senate has approved an
Amendment to the Immigration
Act granting entry into the
United States of the wives and
children of immigrants who en-
tered the country before July 1,
1924, who are now seeking natu-
ralization.
It is estimated that 35,000 women
and children are at present
barred from joining their hus-
bands and fathers. The amend-
ment must be approved by the
House of Representatives.—
Reuter's American Service.

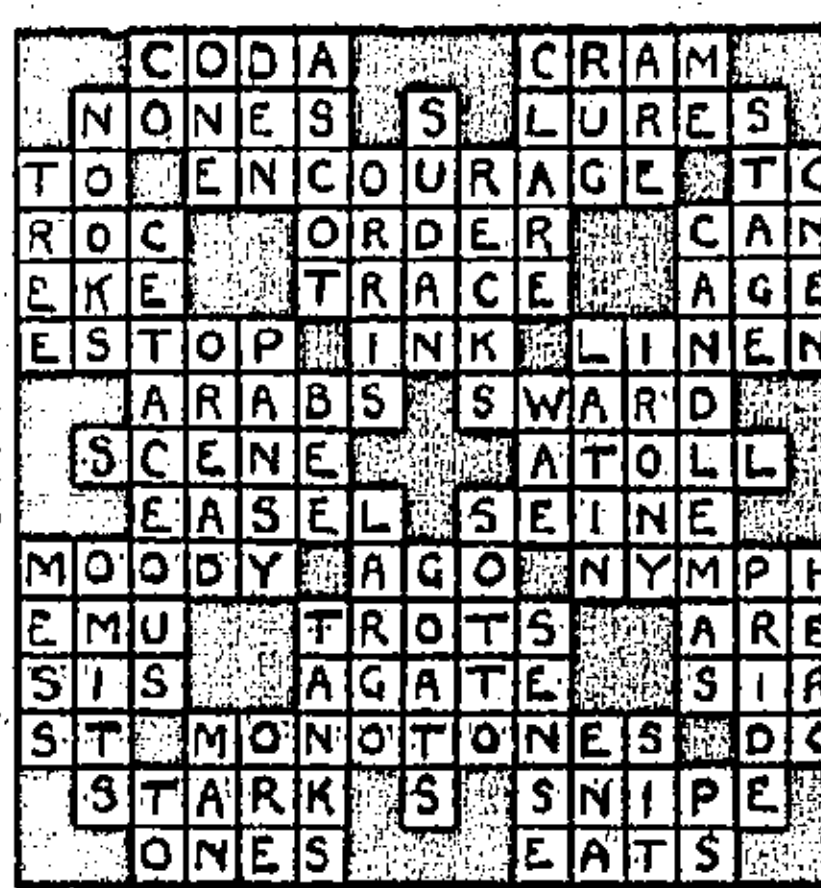
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across
1 Relating to Borax
7 Go forward
18 Pertaining to the mouth
14 Furniture
15 A reptile
16 Point of compass
17 That which is lent
18 A short lance
19 A Greek letter
20 Preposition
21 An affixed slip of paper
22 Within
23 Morning
24 Lament
25 Back
26 Perform
27 A wedge-shaped piece of cloth
28 At all times
29 Printer's measure
30 Points in popular game
31 Employed
32 Part of verb "to be"
33 In this manner
34 Pronoun
35 In a state of
36 Point of compass
39 Distant
42 Part of verb "to be"
43 A vegetable
44 An open space
45 Surface measurement
47 Heraldic term
48 An air
49 A division of a poem
50 Southern Railway (abb.)
51 Morning
52 A couch
53 Depart
54 Exist
55 Part of British Isles
57 Pleasant
58 Pre-Christian period (abb.)
59 Fur-bearing animal
61 Effs
62 A tribe
64 An animal of the rat family
65 Annual East wind

Down
1 A mass of growing trees
2 Raw metal
3 Branch of Army
4 One who permits
5 Language of South Europe
6 Waterway
7 A tree
8 Traders
9 Dressed
10 Not any
11 Head covering
12 Supervisors of pedicellars
23a Huge
26 Divination
35 Do away with
36 Varnish paints
37 Fish
38 One who trains
39 A movement in music
40 A student of fauna
41 Officials of a Royal Park
43 An Arabian of the early period
55 Body of water
58 Accountants degree
60 Morning
63 First class

Yesterday's Puzzle.



REV. W. W. RODGERS.

LAST NIGHT'S WELCOME AT
ST. ANDREW'S.

Members of the various organisa-
tions affiliated to the St. Andrew's
Church, Kowloon, gave a reception
in the Hall last night to the Rev.
W. W. Rodgers and Mrs. Rodgers,
who arrived from Canton during
the earlier part of the week. The
Rev. Mr. Rodgers comes to Kow-
loon to take over the duties reli-
quished by the Rev. G. E. Arrow-
smith who sailed for Home last
Monday week.

There were a large number of
parishioners present to welcome the
new assistant clergyman and his
wife and a most enjoyable evening
was spent. Impromptu musical
and vocal items were given by mem-
bers of the Church congregation,
while refreshments were served
during the evening.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, the Vicar,
welcomed the guest of honour to
Kowloon and Rev. Mr. Rodgers
suitably replied.
The Rev. Mr. Rodgers has been in
the East for some considerable
time, having been connected with
the Church Missionary Society in
Canton for the last 17 years. He
was warden of St. Andrew's hostel

JAPAN'S EMPEROR.

A SUDDEN CHANGE FOR THE
WORSE.

Tokyo, Dec. 16.
A bulletin just issued says the
Emperor's pulse is quickening
rapidly.

An urgent message has been re-
ceived ordering the entire Cabinet
and Privy Council to go to
Hayama immediately.

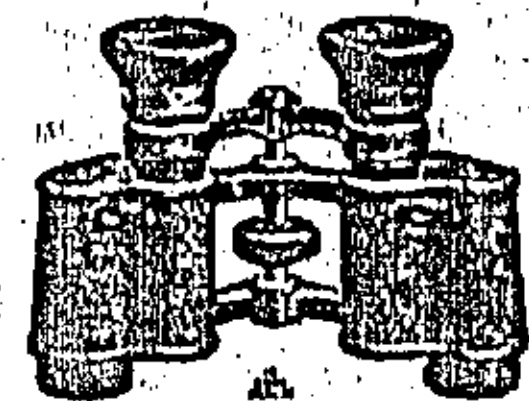
The Household Department an-
nounce a sudden change for the
worse.—*Reuter.*

The seriousness of the illness
of the Emperor of Japan is
evidenced by the fact that Dr.
Nishikawa, one of the Imperial
court physicians, has just returned
on special orders from Germany,
where he spent a year studying
certain diseases with which the
Emperor is afflicted. Dr. Nishi-
kawa is now attending the Em-
peror at Hayama, where His
Majesty has been ill for some
months.

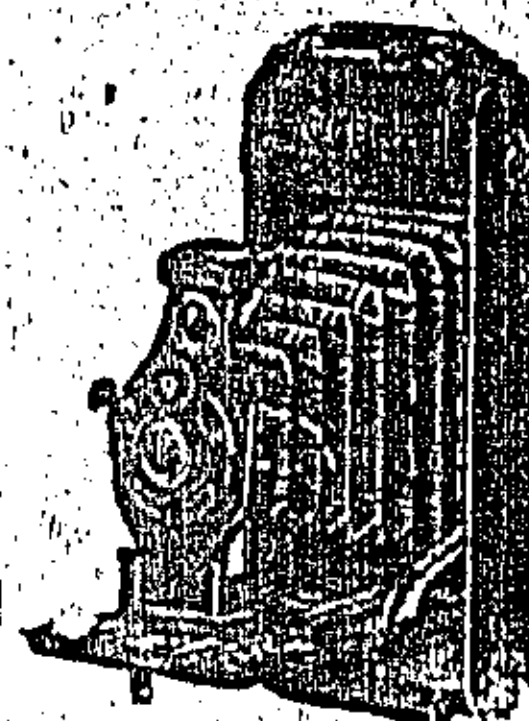
prior to leaving Canton and has
been in Hongkong on previous
occasions.

On Sunday he will preach his
first sermon in St. Andrew's
Church.

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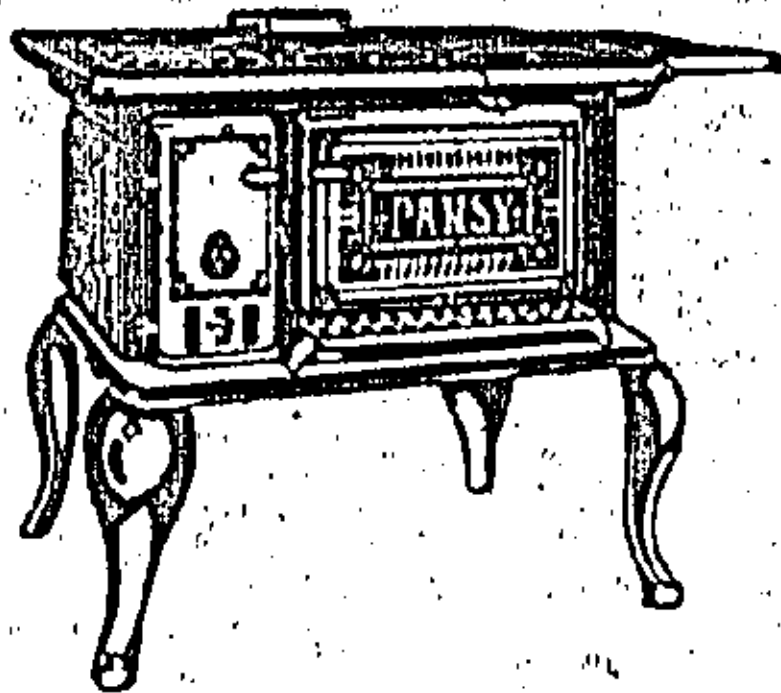
Practically the only opportunity a man
has to gratify his sense of colour is in his
tie and handkerchief. And these ties and
handkerchiefs enable him to do that to
some purpose, in a gay but thoroughly
masculine way.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

MCBRIDE-GAIRNS.—At Union
Church, Hongkong, on 16th
December, by the Rev. J. Kirk
Macdonald, John Murray Mc-
Bride, youngest son of the
late Mr. Wm. McBride and
Mrs. McBride, Greenock, to
Margaret Elizabeth Gaurns,
only daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
H. Gaurns, Hongkong, and
late of Rosyth.

DEATH.

VAN CORTLANDT.—On Decem-
ber 16th, at Singapore on
board the R.M.S. "Macedonia,"
Captain Newton Wynne Van
Cortlandt of the Indo-China
Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
suddenly—in his 37th year.

The Telegraph

FRIDAY, DEC. 17, 1926.

NORMAL OR ABNORMAL

We think it is time that some
one called attention to what we
fear is the chronically wrong at-
titude of lots of people in Hong-
kong to regard present conditions
as being so abnormally bad that
they must inevitably improve at
an early date. Even at the risk
of being dubbed as pessimists, we
think that somebody ought to
speak plainly for the benefit of
those folk who are just hanging
on in the hope, like Micawber, that
something will suddenly turn up
to change what they think is busi-
ness gloom into the bright sun-
shine of a boom. Frankly, we see
little reason to regard present
conditions as other than similar
to those which we are going to
experience for some considerable
time to come and, instead of just
idly and perhaps wastefully wait-
ing for better times we ought to
be reorganising our affairs and so
economising all round that we can
go on at the present pace, making
enough to pay our way, ready to
reap the harvest of better times
should they eventually come. We
are guided to submit this advice
because of a very thought-provok-
ing article we read the other day
by Mr. J. M. Keynes, who was
dealing with the Lancashire cot-
ton-spinning slump. This great
economist was pointing out that
Lancashire's "slump" was no
longer really a slump but a new
level of stability. Lots of fig-
ures were quoted by Mr. Keynes
showing that the world consump-
tion of cotton yarn was back to
the old level before the 1919 boom

and that Lancashire, which great-
ly increased its number of spindles
at that time, was, without realis-
ing it very widely, waiting now
for the return of a boom to get
back to "normal." In other
words, Lancashire was over-equip-
ped and had for many months
past been adding to its costs of
production by deliberately work-
ing short-time. Mr. Keynes was
arguing with his usual clarity
that it would be better for Lan-
cashire if she put her spinning
capacity on an economic basis in
relation to the demand of the past
two or three years.

Although this particular argu-
ment does not apply directly to
Hongkong, it does point the way
to at least one of our troubles,
namely, that we are over-equipped
with trading houses. Perhaps in
the halcyon days directly after the
war, and at the time when there
was a money and land boom here
on account of the insecurity and
distrust in the hinterland, there
was justification for so extensiv-
ely increasing the number of this
Colony's business houses. Dur-
ing recent years there has been a
tremendous influx of new and re-
latively small traders, for whom
there is but little room in these
days of slow and unexciting sales.
Apart altogether from the boycott
and what might be lost in con-
sequence, we have to readjust
ourselves to what is the real norm
of our business here. There is
always room for enterprise, and
we would be the last to frighten
any of it away, but there can
scarcely be any two opinions on
the fact that Hongkong is, to-day,
overstocked with traders who make
it very hard for all but the most
deeply-entrenched to keep their
heads above water. It will help us
all if we view the present as
though it were the normal and
readjust ourselves to this stan-
dard. That we stand to partici-
pate in an improvement should be
encouraging but should not serve
as an excuse for continuing un-
profitable enterprises.

A Well-Timed Tribute.

To those who are given to accus-
ing Britain of being Imperialistic
oppressors we would commend
the speech delivered by General
Hertzog on his return to South
Africa after attending the Im-
perial Conference. He asserted
that he had previously been a life-
long antagonist of Imperialism,
but after the declaration issued
by the Imperial Conference he
had no longer the least fear of
the Empire. Later, he described
Britain as a country which,
through free constitutions and
the common-sense use of them, had
made younger nations as free as
the Motherland and, at the same
time, standing in a close attitude
of affection. These words com-
ing from a statesman who actual-
ly fought in the field against Brit-
ain during the Boer War, possess
a significance which cannot be too
highly stressed at the present mo-
ment. General Hertzog, like many
another, had in the past been
given to judging Britain and the
British on hearsay evidence. By
personal contact and by what he
has learned through being admit-
ted into the inner councils of the
Empire, he has now completely re-
versed his views. He sees the
British Empire as the guardian of
liberty and freedom, not as the
tyrant which our detractors would
have it appear that we are; hence
he does not hesitate to express
both his love and respect for Brit-
ain and for British institutions.
It would be impossible to "pull
wool" over the eyes of such a man
as General Hertzog, but, lest it
be suggested that that is what has
happened, let it be borne in mind
that the representatives of all the
Dominions who attended the Im-
perial Conference have been
equally emphatic in paying tribute
to the ideals for which the British
Commonwealth of Nations stands.
It is cheering and encouraging to
have these verdicts of virile men
of the world from the outlying
parts of the Empire, which should
do much to offset all the lies and
distortions which are to-day be-
ing circulated to our detriment in
this part of the world.

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU WOULD BE PUNCTUAL, BE
BRIEF; FOR IT IS WITH WORDS AS
WITH SUNBEAMS—THE MORE THEY
ARE CONDENSED, THE DEEPER THEY
BURN.—*Southey.*

There was a clean bill of health
in the Colony yesterday.

The Empress of Canada left
Yokohama this morning and is due
in Hongkong on the 23rd instant.

A Chinese, charged before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell yesterday, was fined
\$20 or fourteen days for cutting
saplings from the hillside.

Mr. E. Eagen, the noted boxer
who is to appear at Tuesday's
tournament, arrived from Manila
by the President McKinley.

The s.s. Newchwang, which ar-
rived this morning from Amoy
and Tientsin, passed a derelict
fishing boat in Lat. 28.26 N., Long.
112.0 1/2 E.

At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, the master of a trading junk
was fined \$5, or five days' hard
labour in default, for causing an
obstruction in the Southern Fair-
way.

Amongst the passengers who
left for Manila and Australian
ports by the s.s. Changtse were Mr.
and Mrs. Jackman, Mr. and Mrs.
T. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. F.
Gray and Mr. L. G. Scott.

The visit to Siam which H.E.
the Governor of the Straits Settle-
ments (Sir Laurence Guillemard)
intended making towards the end
of the month has been postponed
on the advice of his medical advis-
ers.

Edward Zimmern, charged with
assaulting a ticket seller at
Queen's Pier, failed to appear in
Court when his case was called
before Major C. Willson this morn-
ing. A bail of \$10, deposited with
the Police Inspector, was estreated
by order of the Magistrate.

To-day's Observatory report
states that fresh monsoon may be
expected along the south-east coast
of China and over the North China
Sea. The local forecast up to
noon to-morrow is:—North-east
winds, fresh; generally overcast,
some drizzle or mist.

Unarmed robbers who entered
the first floor of No. 9 Catchick
Street yesterday afternoon found,
as the sole inmate of the pre-
mises at the time, a Chinese
woman, whom they bound and
gagged. The floor was searched
and clothing and money to the
value of \$54 were taken away.

Gamblers in Manila who try to
play draw poker will have to do
it behind closed doors or they will
find themselves behind prison
bars. In a circular issued last
week, Judge Delfin Jaranilla, at-
torney-general, ordered all city
and provincial fiscals to arrest and
prosecute those found "around
the poker table," following a rul-
ing by the supreme court. In a
judgment handed down some time
ago, the high tribunal decided
that draw poker is a game of
chance.

The death occurred at his re-
sidence at Crescent Flats, Tan-
jong Katong, on the 10th inst., of
Dr. Percy Scott Falsshaw, who for
many years held the appointment
of Government Veterinary Sur-
geon at Singapore. Born in York-
shire 56 years ago, Dr. Falsshaw
first came to Singapore in 1893 to
take up the appointment of Gov-
ernment Veterinary Surgeon and
had lately retired. He also acted
as veterinary surgeon to the
Singapore Municipality and was
for a number of years honorary
veterinary surgeon to the Singa-
pore Turf Club. A prominent
Freemason, Dr. Falsshaw was a
Pastmaster of Lodge St. Michael.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Dec. 16.
Paris.....127 1/2
Brussels.....126 1/2
Amsterdam.....123 1/2
Berlin.....120 1/2
Copenhagen.....18 1/2
Vienna.....34 1/2
Hamburg.....102 1/2
Lisbon.....217 1/2
Buenos Aires.....2 1/2
Yokohama.....2 1/2
New York.....1 1/2
Geneva.....25 1/2
Milan.....108 1/2
Stockholm.....18 1/2
Oslo.....10 1/2
Prague.....31 1/2
Madrid.....62 1/2
Rangoon.....1 1/2
Bombay.....24 1/2
Hongkong.....24 1/2
Silver (spot).....24 1/2
Silver (forward).....24 1/2

CHARITABLE WORK.

LOCAL CO-ORDINATION SCHEME.

At a meeting of the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul, held in the
Library of the Italian Mission
House last night, the local Presi-
dent, Mr. J. M. Alves, reported on
the year's activities in the course
of which he disclosed that much
useful and benevolent work was
performed.

Referring to the results of the
recent bazaar, Mr. Alves said the
gross receipts would exceed
\$22,000—a most satisfactory
result considering the fact that
they had to do without the sup-
port of some well-known bene-
factors, either through demise or
absence from the Colony. In
particular he spoke in glow-
ing terms of the support given
this year by Chinese ladies and
girls, both at the bazaar and in
the sale of roses, and said that this
was very appropriate seeing that
it was their community which ben-
efited largely from the work of the
Society.

The Chairman later alluded to
the efforts that had been made to
interest the Government in the
movement, also to the advisability
of co-ordination of charitable work
in this Colony, a matter on which
he was now engaged with the secre-
taries and representatives of other
charitable bodies in Hongkong.

The meeting concluded with a
vote of thanks to Bishop Valtorta
and Father Byrne for their atten-
dance at the meeting.

AN INVISIBLE RAY.

SEEING WITHOUT BEING SEEN.

Rugby, Dec. 16.
The Daily Mail says Mr. John
Baird, the inventor of television,
has now discovered a ray which,
while capable of illuminating dis-
tant objects, is invisible to the
human eye.

Those upon whom it is directed
are thus unaware that their move-

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extract-
ed from the Telegraph files for the
week ended December 23rd, 1905.

The rate of the dollar on demand
was 2s. 0 1/2d.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough sold
No. 20, Connaught Road, West, the
purchaser being Mr. Fan Hing-
ting, for \$78,000.

Serious riots occurred in Shang-
hai following a Chinese demand
for the dismissal of Mr. Twyman,
British Assessor of the Mixed
Court. Naval parties were land-
ed. There were casualties
amongst foreigners and Chinese.

The marriage took place in
Shanghai of Mr. N. Eric Moller
and Miss I. E. Blechynden.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, twice Demo-
cratic candidate for the U.S. Pre-
sidency, visited Canton.

The birth of a daughter to Mr.
and Mrs. L. G. Bird was announ-
ced.

The Union Insurance Society of
Canton, Ltd., increased its capital
to \$3,100,000.

An election by Justices of the
Peace for a member to serve on
the Legislative Council in place of
Sir Paul Chater, resigned, result-
ed in Mr. (now Sir) H. E. Pol-
lock being returned. The other
candidates were Mr. H. W. Slade
and Mr. E. A. Hewitt.

Mr. G. N. Orme was appointed
Police Magistrate and A.S.P. for
the New Territories.

ments, under cover of darkness,
are being watched.

The ray may prove of great
service to merchant shipping, for
it is claimed it penetrates fog more
readily than any yet invented.—
British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Where there's a will to drink same—she'll have 8 inches to wad,
there's a way to get it! that's all!

One of those very popular
gentlemen—vulgarily referred to
as bootleggers—got a call the
other day to deliver a case of
liquor to a movie magnate in the
hotel occupied by a certain visit-
ing queen. Arriving there he
found every door guarded by
police. Stumped as to what move
to make, he went to a nearby store
and bought a shiny valise and a
silk hat. At a second-hand store
he bought a couple of ancient war
medals.

Then he walked right up and, too-
for two guineas a week.

An extraordinary boom has
started in the emerald market. As
much as 1,200 pounds a carat has
been paid recently for the best
specimens. The best diamonds
bring about 500 pounds per carat.
There is a wide disparity of
opinion on the judgment of
emeralds' value, dealers setting
many different prizes on any one
gem.

A new world record comes from
British Columbia, where a white
Leghorn has laid 361 eggs in
365 days—just fourteen short of
an egg a day. One more effort,
and we shall reach the landmark
of One Egg, One Hen.

Uncle Sam has spoken. His
The rays are of especial value in
girls shall and must will wear
determining the quality of
stockings which reach 8 inches
diamonds. A thread of clothing
above the knees. He has spoken
left behind by a burglar can easily
through the U. S. Bureau of lead
to his identification under the
Standards. That worthy body
rays which are more effective than
investigated the length of 14,000
the microscope in showing up
pairs of ladies' hosiery before
dyes.

issuing its ultimatum length of
27 1/2 inches in all stockings from
Mother (at bedtime)—"Don't
heel to top, and figuring that this
nibble your prayers, Mollie. I
stocking would come 8 inches
can't hear a word you say."

There is no reason to believe
Every movie company has its
that principles of modesty or own
musicians—usually three—
so-called morality actuate the
whose duty it is to keep the
bureau in its august decision.
players in the right mood while
The that manufacturers give con-
other day a company was shoot-
ing a fair deal. They probably some
scenes on the boulevard.
decided that for purposes of com-
During the lunch hour, the
fort, warmth, utility, a stocking
orchestra was sitting on the curb
of this length would give the
playing some old selections. The
greatest good to the greatest num-
concert came to an abrupt end
ber. And no law will prevent the
when an old lady stopped and
gave flapper from rolling hers just
the them a quarter.

INDIAN ELECTIONS.

SWARAJISTS NOT IN
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY.

Delhi, Dec. 16.
The final election returns show that the nominees of the Indian National Congress have maintained the Swarajists' strength in the All India National Assembly and in the Bengal Council, and have increased their numbers materially in the Madras, Bihar and Assam Councils, but have suffered reverses in Bombay, the Central Province, the Punjab and the United Provinces.

Nevertheless, except in a couple of cases, they form the largest single political group, though they do not hold an absolute majority in any Council. Thus in Congress the men, some of whom are not necessarily Swarajists, who are bound to a policy of obstruction, are unable alone to create deadlocks in any Legislature. The tide momentarily favours those who incline to the policy of forming a Ministry to work reforms, but interesting developments are expected in the coming session of the National Congress at Gauhati, under the Presidency of Srinivasa Iyengar, when the Responsivists try to change the Congress programme in favour of the acceptance of responsibility.—*Reuter.*

BIG TRUSTS.

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN'S
APPROVAL.

Rugby, Dec. 16.
Amalgamations have been a marked feature of big British business in recent years, and the latest instance is the chemical combine with an issued capital of £57,000,000.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late Labour Government, approves of this policy. Addressing to-day the members of the "Institute of Chartered Accountants," he said that "these amalgamations will tend to become not merely national but international in character, and I look forward to the development of international trusts as a great instrument in the preservation of world peace. I have had occasion in the United States, that classic land of trusts, to go into the question thoroughly, and I came to the conclusion without hesitation that the general effects of trusts in the United States had not been to increase prices."—*British Wireless.*

SUNNING RAILWAY.

CANTON GOVERNMENT
WANTS CONTROL.

Coincident with the attempt by the Canton Government to take over the administration of the Canton Water Works Company, the same policy is now being applied to the Sunning railway so as to place it under Government control.

A committee consisting of three members has been assigned by the Government to take over the administration of this railway, but the Board of Directors and the manager of the railway are offering resistance in the same way as was adopted by officials of the Canton Water Works Company. All important staff members have already deserted their offices, with the result that there is no-one to hand over the administration. What the outcome will be remains to be seen.

Although the Canton Government has set a limit of two weeks' period for the handing over of the administration, the directors plead that before calling a general meeting of the shareholders they have not the right to comply with the request.

LOAN TO FRANCE.

PRIVATE AID TO CURRENCY
STABILISATION.

New York, Dec. 16.
Mr. Irving Bush, President of the Bush Terminal, is endeavouring to interest political leaders and financiers in a project for a private American loan to France to stabilise her currency.

Mr. Bush is opposed to debt cancellation but believes that a private loan will be effective in restoring the health of the last "sick currency" in Western Europe and in helping to promote trade and good feeling.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHINESE WAR.

THE FALL OF HANGCHOW.

Chinese reports state that owing to the failure of General Chang Yi, Marshal Chuan-fang's subordinate, to persuade his followers to continue to fight to the last, he secretly fled from Hangchow at midnight on the 15th when the Kuomintang invaders were approaching the suburbs of the city. Shortly after, all Chekiang troops at Hangchow raised white flags to welcome the Kuomintang Army, the vanguard of which soon entered the city.

It is reported that Mr. Tai Chitau, the Chairman of the Directing Committee of the Chung Shan University, has received a telegram from General Chang Kai-shek to the effect that in view of the fact that the Fengtien armies are gradually pushing their way southwards, efforts must be made to get into touch with Marshal Chang Tso-lin's subordinates. Mr. Tai having formerly been connected with the latter when in the North, has now been assigned to this task. Mr. Tai, it is said, will soon set out for the North.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

Dick Norton and his merry band of "Globe Trotters" are still proving a big attraction at the Queen's Theatre. At yesterday's sessions, they supplied a most enjoyable programme, in which all the members took part. Especially effective were the whole company in "Moonlight and Roses," given in a very pretty setting, whilst Mr. Dmitry Dimoff won much applause for his clever work.

BACK TO POLITICS.



Sir Herbert Samuel, who, it is announced, is returning to active politics in the Liberal interest.

on the balalaika.

The picture now showing is "The Humming Bird," starring Gloria Swanson, who is responsible for some very fine acting. The story itself, dealing with the underworld of Paris, and some thrilling war incidents, is somewhat conventional and in parts rather overdone, but the photography and the fine acting of Gloria Swanson in the title role more than compensate for any deficiencies in these respects.

Commencing on Sunday, "Wine of youth," described as the greatest jazz film ever shown here, is to be screened.

DETENTION HOUSE.

BRITISHER AND AMERICAN
ADMITTED.

Stating that the defendant was a very respectable man when he was sober, Sub-Inspector Alston, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged an unemployed Britisher, named Thomas Vaughan Jenkins, with lacking visible means of subsistence.

Major C. Willson was informed that at times when the defendant had had a drop too much, he was very violent, and being without employment, had been kept in the House of Detention on several occasions.

The Magistrate made an order for the return of the defendant to the House of Detention.

When an American, named Damitrovsky, was charged with a similar offence, he stated that he was turned out of his home by the Bolsheviks in 1922, and had since been wandering about the world. He, too, was committed to the House of Detention.

SCHOOL DISPLAY.

QUARRY BAY PUPILS
ENTERTAIN.

Parents and friends of children attending Quarry Bay School were entertained to a bright programme of singing, dancing, and Swedish drill by about forty pupils in the assembly hall of the school this morning, on the occasion of a display. The school, which owes much of its present success to the efforts of Mrs. Weston, now at Home, was originally housed in premises belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, but in September possession was taken of a new school at Quarry Bay, and this morning's assembly was in the nature of an official opening. In addition to the entertainment, specimens of the children's work done during the term were on view, and these, on the whole, were excellent.

In introducing Mrs. D. Templeton, Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, paid many tributes to the work done that had enabled them to build such an up-to-date school. It was, he said, a great pleasure to be able to congratulate the school on its handsome new building. He expressed thanks to Mr. O. F. Savage of Messrs. Little, Adams, and Wood, who was personally responsible for the building, and to Mr. C. H. Basto who succeeded him. He expressed warm appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Weston, and to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for allowing them to use their premises for so long. Mrs. Mitchell, he said, was another one they must not forget as she was what they might call the mother of the schools in that district, and Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. Greig, and Miss Cotton, the present headmistress, had also helped materially.

Miss Cotton expressed her thanks to the work done by Mrs. Weston.

CERTIFICATES DISTRIBUTED.

Mrs. Templeton then distributed certificates to winners in the World Drawing Society in England, to the following:—Misses J. Smith, E. Wainock, L. Simpson, K. Weir, and Masters C. Thirrell, H. Dunstead, F. Hindle, A. Spiers, and J. Thirrell.

Miss K. Weir then presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Templeton, and a similar presentation was made to Mrs. Cressy by Miss Ronnie Thirrell.

The programme of singing, dancing and drilling was splendidly gone through, even the smallest children showing surprising ability. Miss E. Dyer trained the children for both drilling and dancing, and their display reflected great credit on her, and showed she must have expended infinite patience in the teaching. The drilling equipment included a vaulting horse, wall bars, and ropes hanging from the ceiling, these being made at Victoria Gaol. Various exercises were performed, and the pupils went through with credit the by no means easy feat of swarming up the ropes. Then followed exercises on the wall bars and vaulting horse, all of which were well done.

Two dances, Welsh and Irish, were performed very daintily, and the dancers showed considerable grace and skill. Those taking part were:—Misses Joan Seath, K. Weir, B. Bone, J. Smith, Jessie Craig, and Lily Simpson.

Included in the programme were carols, a humorous song, "O Soldier, Soldier, Won't You Marry Me?" three songs, "Happiness," "Growing up," and "Happily Hop," by the kindergarten, two French songs, and Christmas songs. The humorous song was extremely well sung, and the little ones scored a big success with their three efforts. Mrs. Cressy was the accompanist.

THE WAR.

EVENTS AROUND HANGCHOW.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
It is confirmed that Hangchow was occupied by 1,500 Southerners from Kiangsi. It was Cantonese troops operating in plain clothes who cut the railway.

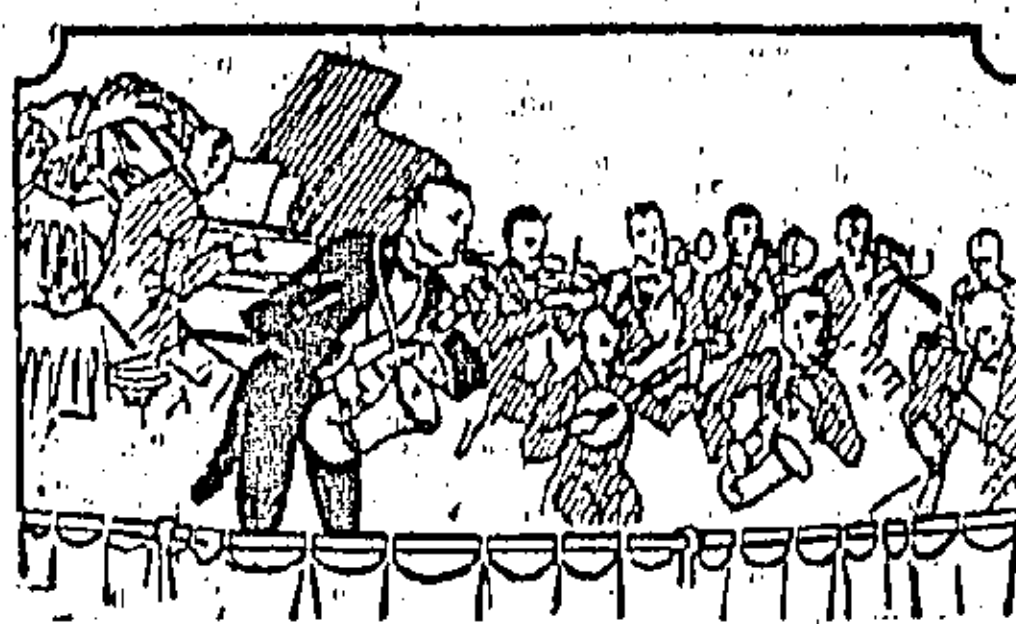
Sun Chuan-fang has established a main line of defence at Kashing, fifty miles from Shanghai, midway between Shanghai and Hangchow.

Sun is reported to have sent a message to Chang Tso-chang stating that he has sufficient forces to deal with the Cantonese and does not require assistance.—*Reuter.*

Cantonese Plan.

Peking, Dec. 16.
As regards the fighting in the south-east sector, it appears the Cantonese plan is to attack Anking from the west simultaneously with an advance from Hangchow to Shanghai, and decisive fighting is expected within a month.—*Reuter.*

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BIAS BAY.

REPORTED ACTION BY
CANTON.

Canton, Dec. 16.
In accordance with the plan drafted by the Kwangtung Provincial Government for the suppression of banditry the Canton Authorities have decided to send troops to attack the zone around Bias Bay, where the sea-pirates have their stronghold.

The General commanding the Eighteenth Division has been ordered to send troops to the attack and the Canton Navy forces have been ordered to send a gunboat to co-operate.

For the zone close to Hongkong, the New Territories and adjacent waters, the Canton Authorities, after notifying the Hongkong Government of the commencement of

the campaign, have made it clear to Hongkong that co-operation is desired to the extent of arresting bandits crossing the Boundary and handing them to the Chinese Authorities, on land as well as on sea.

For Chinese territory, the Canton Authorities reserve the right to suppress banditry. This reservation is made explicit on account of the reported intention of the Hongkong Government to send Navy craft and aeroplanes to destroy the bandit stronghold at Bias Bay.

The Canton Authorities announce their willingness to receive from the Hongkong Government any information of a nature facilitating the suppression of banditry and express their appreciation of any co-operation extended by the Hongkong Government, acting in conformity with the policy outlined by Canton.—*Canton Information Bureau.*

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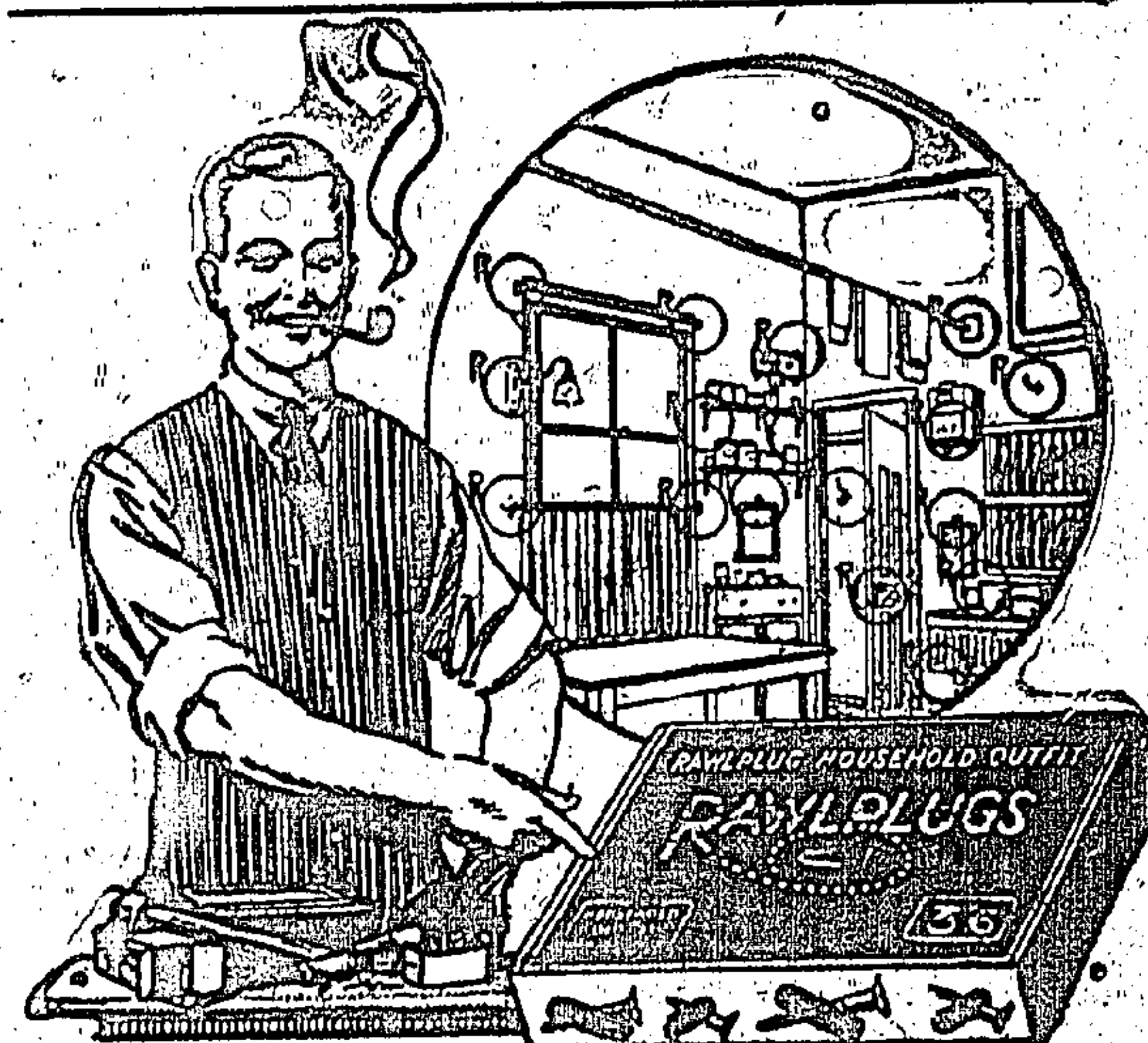
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GOLF CLUB MEETING.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S
ACTIVITIES.

The activities of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club during the past year were reviewed at length by Mr. N. L. Smith, the retiring Captain, at the annual meeting of the Club held in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company yesterday afternoon. There was a satisfactory attendance of members.

The proceedings were conducted by the President, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, who was supported by the following members of the Committee: Messrs. N. L. Smith (Captain), D. G. Bruce, J. W. Franks, A. K. Henderson, C. D. Lambert, R. L. Moncrieff, C. Bulmer Johnson, D. Templeton and Lieut. Colonel E. D. Matthews (Secretary).

The Captain's Speech.

Mr. N. L. Smith, in his review of the past season's activities, said:

The accounts for the year show a loss of \$6,065.23. It will be remembered that a year ago the general meeting approved of an expenditure up to \$17,000 upon extensive repairs to all the buildings at Fanling. This work has now been completed and the amount expended thereon during the year under review amounted to \$8,472, leaving rather more than as much again to be paid during the current year. Also certain additional repairs (Kerr's house) were also found to be absolutely necessary and these, with Architect's fees amount almost exactly to a further \$3,500. Your Committee felt that it is undesirable for such a heavy repair bill to accumulate in future, if this can be avoided, and have therefore arranged for a regular examination of all of the Club's buildings to be made by Architects every six months.

Apart from this large item repairs were necessary to furniture and ice-chests at Fanling which cost \$426, painting etc. at Happy Valley cost \$272, and repairs to the hot water system at Fanling cost \$541. The total amount spent upon repairs and renewals exceeded the 1924/1925 figure by \$11,180.

Catering.

Before considering in detail the other items in the Working Account, it should be borne in mind that for seven months of the year under review the catering at Fanling was in the hands of Messrs. Wiseman & Co. The profits on meals show a decrease of over \$2,000, as compared with 1924/1925, but against this must be put a considerable saving on wages during the 7 months when Messrs. Wiseman & Co. provided most of the staff; that this saving was not greater is due to the fact that this year we have had a full wages bill to pay in June, July, August and September, whereas our predecessors were saved this owing to the strike in the corresponding months of 1925. The Fanling catering was restored to the capable hands of Mrs. Kerr on 1st June, and it is unfortunate that the accounts now before us refer only to the lean summer months in this respect. I have no doubt that members appreciate the present provision made for the inner man at Fanling and that the financial results will be entirely satisfactory when a full year's working can be examined. At the same time I think that the Club owes a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Wiseman & Co., and their Manager Mr. Goodall for tiding over, under considerable difficulties, an awkward period in the history of Fanling.

The Working Account.

Turning to the details of the Working Account, wages have gone up at Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay, due partly to the savings in the 1925 strike period, partly to the provision of an amah

at Deep Water Bay to look after the Ladies' Dressing Room.

Maintenance charges have increased at Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay, but greatly decreased at Fanling.

Rents, rates and insurance show increases, the insurance policies having been readjusted as the outgoing Captain told us last year, telephone charges being up, and the Deep Water Bay rates having been assessed at a higher figure. As an offset, Fanling water has cost us \$107 less than last year.

Nothing else in the Working Account seems to call for special mention.

Debentures.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I would remark that your Committee has given considerable attention to the question of debentures. It does not seem good business to have \$16,000 on fixed deposit, paying 4½% with debentures outstanding on which 6% has to be paid. Legal advice was taken, and it appears that there is no obligation for the Club to redeem these Debentures at any time. In the past it was usual in the case of death or retirement to redeem a member's debentures and then reissue them to some other member. This year arrangements have been made in such cases not to reissue the debentures, but to destroy the coupons, and it will be seen that the Club's liability in this respect has been decreased by \$3,400. It may be that the continuance of such a policy will meet the case for the future and the liability of the Club may be gradually decreased as we may be able to afford it. If, however, as may be anticipated, the Club has before it a time of prosperity, I would advise that our successors should consider the question of a regular bi-annual drawing as I think is the more usual procedure.

Two purchases were made during the year under review which,

I think, it will be agreed, have already justified the considerable expenses involved. Deep Water Bay has been given a Kelvinator which cost \$1,419, a sum included in the item Furniture and Fixtures. This it is estimated will pay for itself before very long, as the amount of ice, allowing for wastage on the way, which had to be bought for that Club House, was enormous, and the wages of one whole time carrying cooler are saved. Secondly, a Fordson Tractor with five mowers was bought for Fanling at a cost of \$2,700, which appears as an asset on the balance sheet.

The old bullocks (which I may say have been sold gradually at a good figure) were much more expensive to maintain, took much longer to mow the course, were generally difficult to replace and, of course, required a very high depreciation figure, being far from immortal. (Laughter). I think you will agree, gentlemen, that the Fanling fairways have this winter been exceptionally good and it is probable that this is largely due to the more frequent cutting that is now possible. If this is so, we may hope for an even greater improvement in this respect as the years go by.

A year ago the outgoing Captain bequeathed on the new Committee two questions for consideration. The first was the advisability of engaging a professional. After much thought, your Committee decided that the time was not yet ripe for such an innovation and that the existing system of supervision at Fanling was both economical and efficient. I am glad to say that our present Superintendent, who has been with the Club almost since Fanling became a golf course, has signed a fresh agreement, which will expire early

in 1928, before which date the question of his replacement will have to be decided upon.

Caddies.

The second bequest was the evergreen question of the Fanling caddies. A sub-committee went very carefully into this matter, and we were persuaded that the general interests of members necessitated the abolition of the highly paid private caddy, and this was enforced as from 1st July last. The disengaged private caddies tried mildly to make trouble, but I am glad to say that this was rapidly overcome, and most of the old private caddies are now to be seen plying for hire at daily rates. We attempted concurrently with this to introduce a system of rewards for those caddies who might be well reported on by members, but this entailed registration which the caddies refused to countenance even though it would have been to their own benefit. It seems unfair that the mere beast of burden should be paid as much as the skilled caddies, and if the new Committee can evolve some method of overcoming this injustice they will deserve our congratulations.

I have spoken of the condition of the Fanling courses. Deep Water Bay is, I think, better than ever, especially as regards its greens, despite the very hard wear which it is given throughout the year. Happy Valley was also in fine condition until the July deluge inflicted terrible damage, from which it is only now beginning to emerge.

Thanks.

The thanks of the Club are due to an anonymous member who gave a Cup for the best score over 18 holes in this competition.

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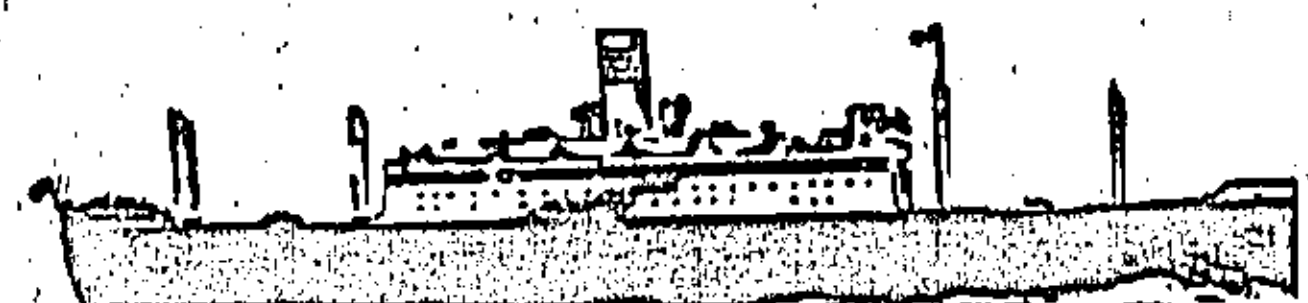
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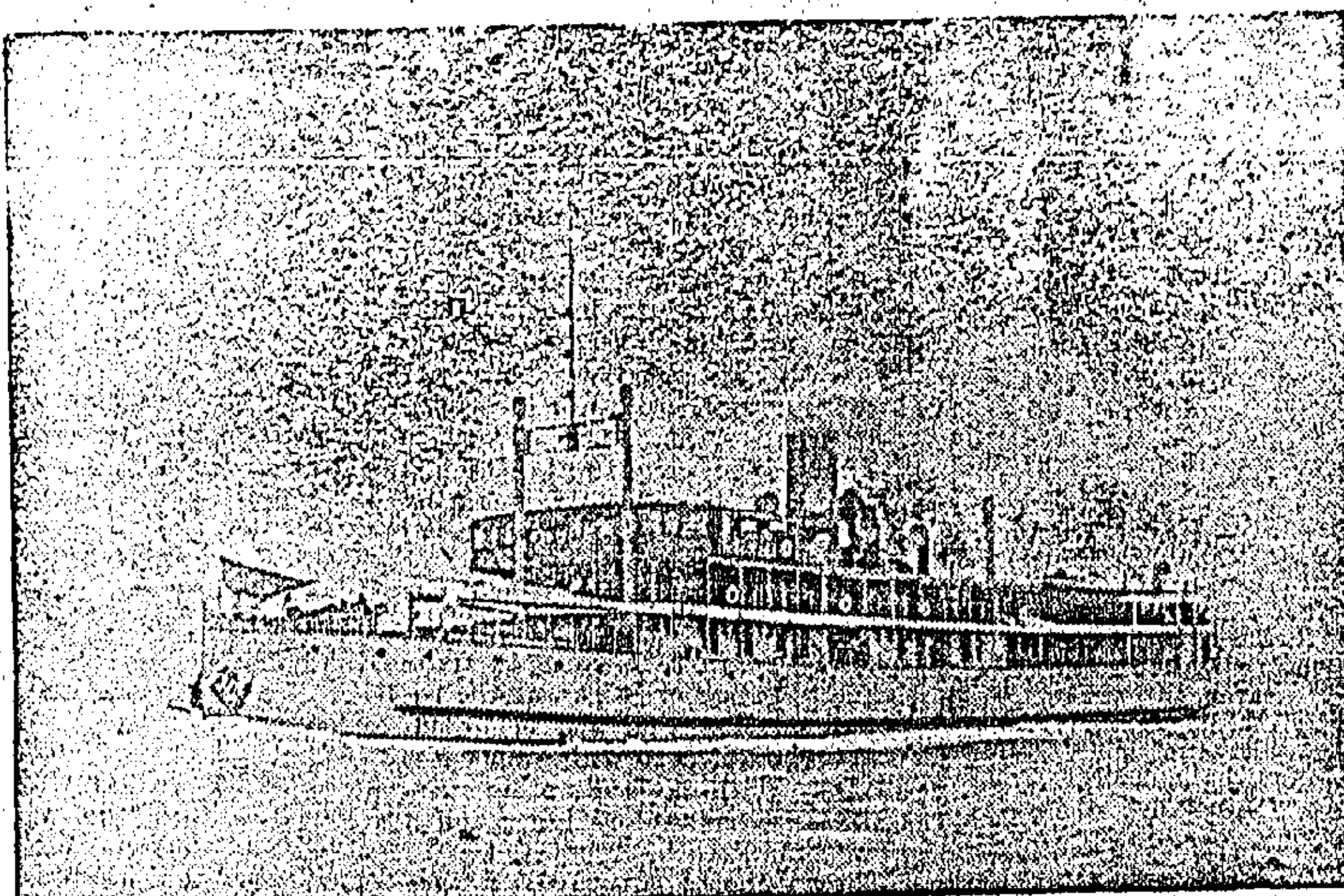
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GOLF CLUB MEETING.

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a handsome Cup for a running competition over 18 months at Deep Water Bay.

We have also to thank the Officers of H.M.S. Hermes for an excellent air photograph of Fanling; and Mr. C. R. M. Young and Mr. Stoddart have again merited the gratitude of the Club for their valuable assistance on the Deep Water Bay Club House, and Mr. J. de B. Lancaster for the gift of one Debenture.

Obituary.

The following members died during the year under review:—
Dr. J. C. Dalmahoy Allen, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. John Gibson, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (ex-Captain), Mr. A. W. J. Hoy, Mr. T. Neave, Mr. J. M. Phillips, and Mr. H. H. Taylor and (since the actual period under review) Captain W. E. Clarke.

I wish in conclusion to thank all the members of the General Committee and of the Sub-Committee for giving without stint a great deal of time for the welfare of the Club, particularly if I may mention names, Mr. Lambert whose work on the Fanling electric plant and on the new tractor was invaluable; Mr. Henderson, who spared no pains to make Happy Valley a success, and Mr. Franks, the convener of Deep Water Bay Committee, who have all had a busy year. Gentlemen, I beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

(Applause.)

Not A Trap.

The President remarked that he would like to add one thing to the Captain's review in order to relieve the Committee of the possibility of being charged with laying a trap. The accounts showed no instance of extravagance, but there was bound to be some criticism. It would be really extraordinary if there were not, and it would be an extremely unhealthy sign. When they began to look really far ahead, it occasioned a good deal of anxious thought. There had been talk of building a new Club house and dormitory houses, and if they examined the accounts in that light they did not look so healthy. Up to now the Club had continued in what he was prepared to call a rather happy-go-lucky manner, but circumstances had now altered and they had got to take a considerably tighter grip.

If they examined their income they would find that without the \$2 extra subscription, that had been running under a special resolution of two years ago, the accounts would not look quite so healthy. If they added to that the necessity of redeeming debentures, they would find there was no possibility of them carrying out the works that had been foreshadowed and at the same time maintaining the present standard of the Club. His object in making those remarks was to impress upon members that approval of the accounts would, to all intents and purposes, indicate no objection to the resolution which would be put before them later for the continuation of the \$7 subscription. He wanted to avoid any possibility of it being called a trap. The additional subscription was first introduced for one year and then two, and there was always a feeling among members that they had a right to have the subscription reduced

when that time expired. On this occasion there was no such hope immediately in front of them if the debentures were to be redeemed on some regular scheme.

Mr. H. U. Ireland, seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, expressed the opinion that having regard to the lean time the Colony had been passing through, the accounts showed a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Additional Subscription.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. R. M. Smith, the meeting decided to continue the additional subscription of \$2 per month until 31st December, 1928. Mr. Smith expressed the view that he did not think many of those present would live to see the subscription reduced below \$7. They would be more likely to see it rise.

The New Captain.

Proposing the name of Mr. Edgar Davidson as the Captain of the Club, Mr. N. L. Smith mentioned that Mr. Davidson was well-known to all who had been out to Fanling during the last ten years, and the interests of the Club could safely be left in his hands.

Mr. M. M. Maas seconded, and the proposition was carried amid applause.

Mr. Davidson, replying, remarked that his qualifications for the position were of the slenderest. Practically the only one was that he had played golf at Fanling, not for ten years as had been said, but for 16 years. In fact, he was out there with a golf ball before they started on the course, and he played golf at Happy Valley in 1907. If playing golf badly for a very long time, was any qualification for the position of Captain of the Club, then he could truthfully say he had that qualification. (Laughter.)

The following were elected to serve on the General Committee: Mr. D. G. Bruce, Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mr. C. D. Lambert, Mr. R. L. Moncrieff, Mr. T. D. Pendered, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. D. Templeton.

Thanks to the outgoing Committee and to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company for the use of their Boardroom concluded the meeting.

Extraordinary Meeting.

Before the annual meeting, an extraordinary general meeting was held at which the President submitted a proposition altering the Articles of Association in such manner as would abolish the position of President. Mr. Hallifax explained that the President was a member of the Committee but not the Chairman, and until quite recently he was not even a member, though at the same time the Chairman of all general meetings. They had, therefore, either to regularise the position of President of the Club or abolish the office altogether, and the Committee, after careful consideration of the position, recommended the latter course.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson seconded the motion, remarking that the Captain was always sufficiently well qualified to look after all the President had to do.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The President announced that a confirmatory meeting would be held in due course.

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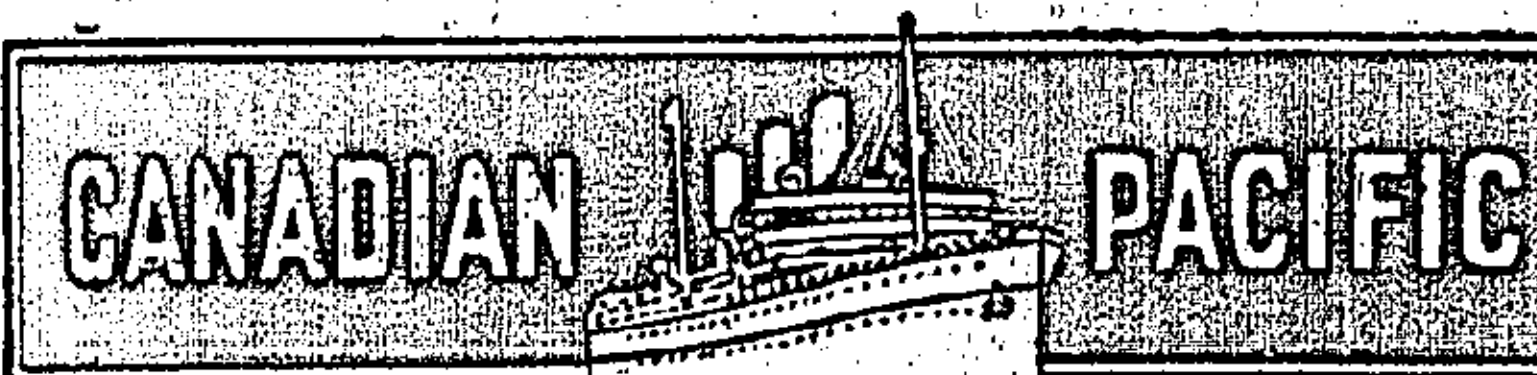
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Volunteer Defence Corps Orders,
issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird,
D.S.O., state:

ANNUAL CAMP.

The Infantry Company will go into
Camp at Fanling on Friday, December
17th, 1926.

Attendance in camp is a condition
for efficiency.

All members are requested to make
an effort to parade at Kowloon Rail-
way Station at 5 p.m. on Friday, De-
cember 17th, to catch the 5.25 p.m.
train.

Dress: Marching order i.e. helmets,
rifles, bayonets, belts, sidarmus,
pouches, breeches, haversacks, water-
bottles, great-coats, tunics, shorts,
puttees and boots.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps
Headquarters, to-day, between 9 a.m.
and 12 noon only.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.

City and Taikoo Section will parade
at Volunteer Headquarters on Tues-
day, December 21st, 1926, at 5.30 p.m.
for "O" Howitzer Gun drill and Signa-
ling instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Transport for Taikoo Section will
be at Taikoo Dock, East Gate, at 5
p.m. on Tuesday, December 21st,
1926.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

Lights Section will parade at
Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
on Thursday, December 23rd, for
lecture on "Principles of Coast De-
fence" by Major E. O. Alabaster, R.E.
Dress: Mufti.

Field Sections will parade at Volun-
teer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the
following dates:

Monday, December 20th: Lecture
D 3, Part I.

Tuesday, December 23rd: Lecture
D 3, Part II.
Dress: Mufti.

ARMOURER COMPANY.
Signallers will parade independ-
ently under Corp. Read.

There will be no further official
parades until after January 1st, 1927.

INFANTRY COMPANY.
Parade at Volunteer Headquarters
on Tuesday, December 21st, at 5.30
p.m. All Company. N.C.O.'s under
C. E. M. Slattery, and Musketry
Class for all those detailed by Platoon
Commanders under Sergt. Barham
ham at the Miniature Range. There
will be a Company Lewis Gun Class
under Lieut. Serjeant. Jarvis, M.C., also
at Headquarters.

There will be no parade on Tues-
day, December 28th.

RESERVE COMPANY.
Miniature Range at Corps Head-
quarters is at the disposal of the Re-
serve Co. on Monday, December 20th,
at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.
The following promotions will take
effect from December 17th, 1926:

No. 6 Platoon.—No. 309 Lce.-Corp.
G. H. Cuthill to be Corporal.

No. 7 Platoon.—No. 842 Sergt. R.
Bell (Headquarters) to act as Platoon-
Sergt. of No. 6 Platoon. No. 613 Pte.
224 Lce.-Corp. J. G. Fletcher to be
Lance-Sergeant.

Reserve Company.—No. 574 Sergt.
J. A. G. Leask to be Company-Sergt.-
Major.

TRANSFER.
No. 544 Spr. A. F. May, Engineer
Co., is permitted to transfer to the
Armoured Car Company. (Motor Cycle
Section), as from November 25th,
1926.

LEAVE.
The following are granted leave of
absence from the Corps:

No. 674 Corp. W. M. Lyons, M.I.
Co., from December 18th, 1926, to
February 28th, 1927. No. 613 Pte.
P. Morrison, No. 7 Platoon, from De-
cember 7th, 1926, to December 31,
1927. No. 21 Corp. F. C. Goodman,
No. 6 Platoon, from January 1st,
1927, to December 31st, 1927. No.
011 Spr. J. M. Shroff, Engineer Co.,
from December 2nd, 1926, to January
31st, 1927.

RESIGNATIONS.
No. 300 Pte. J. O. McLaggan, No.
6 Platoon, is permitted to resign from
the Corps, as from December 14th,
1926, having completed 5 years and
9 months service in the Corps. No.
803 Lce.-Corp. F. C. Clemen, Armoured
Car Co., is permitted to resign
from the Corps, as from December
14th, 1926, on leaving the Colony.

G. H. H. BELL, CAPT.
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, December 17th, 1926.

FIGHT FOR POWER.

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against the Governor General,
politically, and would permit the
destruction of a company over
which, it is generally conceded,
they have slight chance to retain
control.

Many allege that the whole con-
nection of the insular auditor with
the coal company is illegal, quite
as illegal as that of the Board of
Control is said to be.

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS.

Several lawyers agree that the
rights of private stockholders in
the coal company were ignored
when the legislature by law made
the insular auditor, ex officio au-
ditor of the government owned
companies. The law doing this
was passed some time after the
companies were created, and the
private citizens to whom stock had
been sold had no opportunity to
protest against the designation of
an auditor in a company in which
they owned stock.

Under this assumption it would
seem that any stockholder in the
National Coal Company could
bring the insular auditor before
the courts, challenging his right
to withhold the funds of the firm.

YAUMATI AMOK.

THREE EUROPEAN POLICE
INJURED.

A sensational affair occurred at
Battery Street, Yaumati, about half
past eight yesterday evening,
when a Chinese armed with a
razor suddenly ran amuck and, be-
fore he was overpowered, had
succeeded in injuring five persons,
three of them European members
of the police force.

It appears that the man, a cool-
ie, slashed at another Chinese,
who was somewhat badly cut, and
then rushed at others in the
vicinity, who scattered; and a
report was sent through imme-
diately to Yaumati police station.

The first representative of the
law on the scene was Sergeant
Lantrill, who in tackling the
madman received severe cuts on
the arm, severing the arteries.
A Chinese detective was also
badly slashed, and Inspector
Fallon and Sub-Inspector Nicoll,
who had arrived on the scene,
were similarly injured.

Meanwhile the Chinese was
knocked down and disarmed, and
later taken into custody; the in-
jured being removed to Kowloon
Hospital for treatment. Sub-
Insp. Nicoll, who had a gashed
wrist, was discharged after medi-
cal attention to his wound. Sergt.
Lantrill is the most seriously
hurt.

Sergt. A. W. Smith and his
brother were also on the scene,
and when the Chinese had been
overpowered they immediately
attended to the injured persons
prior to their removal to hospital.

On enquiry this morning, we
were informed that the injured
police officers are still detained in
hospital, where they are undergo-
ing treatment.

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THE PHILIPPINES.

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to act but that Congress sees no
need of legislation on the islands
at present.

It is pointed out by political
leaders in Manila that nowhere
in his message did President
Coolidge urge prompt action. No
imperative or urgent language was
used and this is taken to mean
that the President does not intend
that Congress shall act. Filipino
leaders see the statement as a
political message in which the
President took care not to dis-
please either side.

OSMENA IS RETICENT.

Senator Sergio Osmena expressed
the belief that Congress is con-
vinced that there is no need for
legislation now on the Philippines.
The senator declined to comment
extensively on the message, stat-
ing that he had not considered it
carefully, but he did state that
that part of the message wherein
the President appears to recom-
mend some sort of military con-
trol of the islands under a more
nearly autonomous form of gov-
ernment is worthy of serious con-
sideration. As to what the Pre-
sident really means, Senator Os-
mena was unable to say, but ex-
pressed the opinion that the Pre-
sident probably desires some sort
of a protectorate.

Senator Osmena believes that
there is nothing in the message
which was not known before, stat-
ing that the President's views
were known to him while he was
still in the United States as legis-
lative envoy.

Other leaders consider the Pre-
sident's message as altogether
"rubberized" and see the shadow
of the vested interests behind it.

MISSION IS GO.

Representative Claro Recto de-
clared that the President's mes-
sage would in no way affect the
plans for the proposed legislative
parliamentary mission to the
United States. He said, however,
that because of the board of con-
trol controversy Senator Quezon
and himself would not be able to
leave until the latter part of
January. The views of the Pre-
sident, he said, simply may make
local leaders more determined in
carrying out a more intensive and
extensive campaign in the United
States next year.

CANTON BANKS.

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The statement says:—"It has
been found that recent workers
troubles have been caused at the
instigation of imprudent elements
and that cases have repeatedly
happened, in which the workers
paraded the streets with weapons,
arrested people, blockaded shops,
and even struck people to death.
Such actions have caused great
trouble and are a cause of deep re-
gret."

"This Government should of
course support the workers in their
movement, but should at the same
time give its direction to and cor-
rect the errors of those workers
who are liable to create distur-
bance, and to prohibit thoughtless
actions which endanger the future
prospect of the labour party, and
disturb the public peace."

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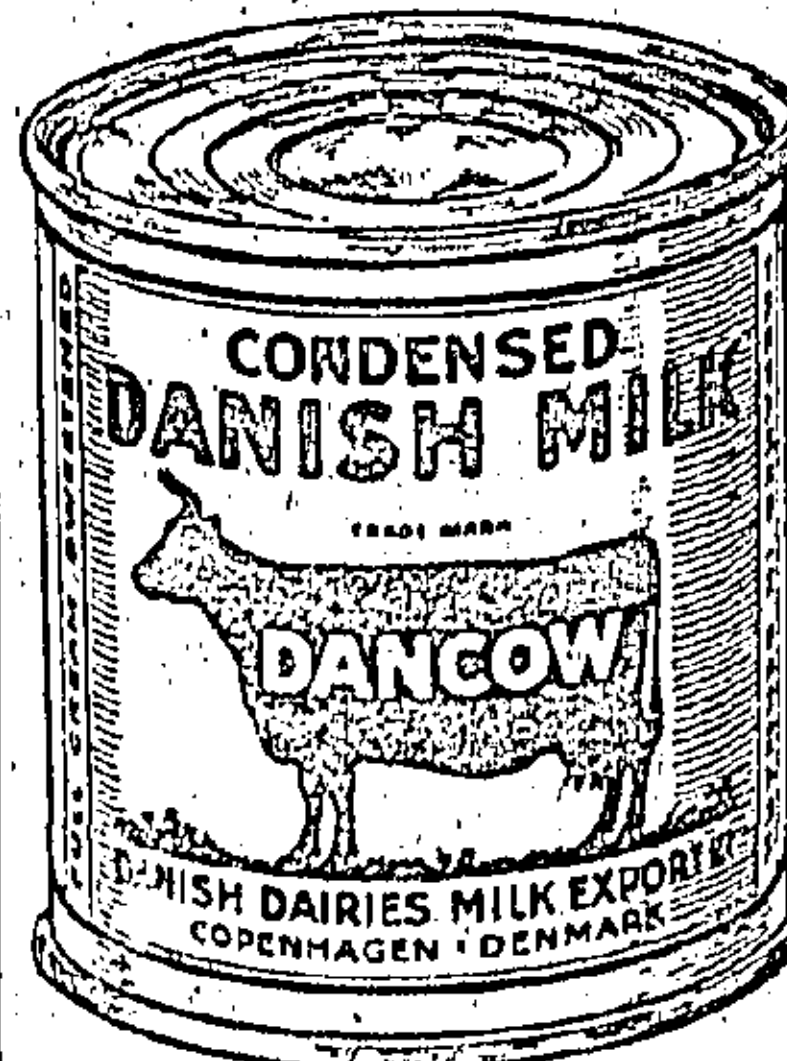
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Little Sisters will welcome the at-
tendance of their supporters on
this occasion.